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Rape case woman fit to prosecute

The woman in the controversial Glasgow rape case was now fit to testify and the Crown had no objection to a private prosecution brought by her, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Advocate, told the High Court of Justiciary in Edinburgh. An alleged "associate in crime" would get legal immunity if he gave evidence Page 2

4,000 laid off at Talbot

More than 4,000 Talbot workers are idle because of a strike at Ryton, Coventry. The company's closure of its Stoke engine works was denounced by union leaders as a ploy to put pressure on the 190 strikers and could lead to the dispute being made official Page 2

Nicaragua state of emergency

Nicaragua declared a state of emergency and claimed the move was necessitated by secret plans, allegedly hatched by the American secret services and counter-revolutionaries, designed to undermine the country's left-wing regime Page 6

UDA move on Ulster bombings

The Loyalist Ulster Defence Association decided yesterday to increase surveillance as Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, appealed for no retaliation after Monday's IRA bomb attacks Page 2

Teacher wins assault case

A teacher who claimed a magistrate told her that she was wasting public money by bringing an assault case to court, and that she could expect to be hit at least another six times by parents won her case against the mother of one of her pupils Page 3

Four cleared of May murder

Four black youths were acquitted at the Central Criminal Court of murdering Mr Terence May in south London last June. One of the remaining defendants dismissed his counsel Page 2

Takeover bid for US store

BAT Industries has launched a $310m (£172m) agreed takeover for Marshal Field, the American store chain, through its American holding company. The bid, the company's largest, comes nine years after its purchase of the 38 Gimbel and 31 Saks Fifth Avenue stores Page 13

Europeans cool on sanctions

Mr James Buckley, the American Under-Secretary in the State Department is not receiving a ready European Commitment to sanctions against Russia. After a polite but noncommitted response in Bonn, France has merely noted his suggestions Page 4

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Jail sentences face commercial exploiters of pornography, even first-time offenders, the Court of Appeal has said Law Report, page 23

League cutback

Clubs which withdraw from the Football League because of financial problems will not be replaced, if a proposal is accepted at the League's annual meeting in June Page 19

Police chief's speech was nonsense, says Hattersley

From John Chartres, Manchester

An unrepentant Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, yesterday defended his controversial statement advocating the abolition of politically-elected police committees. He said he had sent copies of it to the Home Office and other interested parties and believed it would be widely discussed throughout the police service and elsewhere in the country.

He further advocated the early creation of between eight and 10 regional police forces, each with its own board and commissioner. The regional boards would have "a political input" but would be answerable to Parliament and there would be a central board in London chaired by the Home Secretary.

Such an arrangement, he thought, was bound to come about in the next 20 to 50 years. Its beginning could emerge in the next ten. He foresaw future regional commissioners meeting almost weekly to coordinate national effort against crime, terrorism, public disorder and security problems.

Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, last night called the speech "inflammatory nonsense" and said it called into question Mr Anderton's competence to hold important office.

Mr Anderton's original statement which should have been made in the form of a public speech last week but which he officially released for publication when the event was cancelled, was roundly attacked yesterday by Councillor Peter Kelly, chairman of Greater Manchester Police Committee, with which the chief constable has had many brushes since Labour took control at last May's county council elections.

Mr Kelly called the statement "a load of tripe" and said that if Mr Anderton was going to make "stupid speeches with political views drawn from the pages of *Beano*" he would have to face consequences and expect to "get some stick".

Mr Kelly who, since the Moss Side riots in Manchester last summer, has frequently supported Mr Anderton as well as disagreeing with him, said yesterday that the chief constable should stay out of politics. He described the statement as disgraceful and said he and his colleagues resented it deeply. He would not, however, call for Mr Anderton's resignation.

"I do not believe in sacking people for making stupid speeches", Mr Kelly said, although he thought Mr Anderton had implied in McCarthyite terms that the Labour Party wished to set up a one-party dictatorship and a police state.

"It is a disgraceful thing to say and on behalf of thousands of Labour supporters I resent it deeply. There is no better defender of democracy in this country than the British Labour movement. He is saying that local politians know nothing about policing. Judging from his statements, I know more about policing than he knows about politics. He is foolish to involve himself in political controversy."

Mr Anderton's original statement said the police were now "a prime target for subversion and demoralization" and should be removed completely and urgently from the realm of politics. While law-abiding citizens sought only protection from increasing public disorder and crime, police committees were fighting a secretive and should wield power against acrimonious battle over who cherished elements of the Establishment.

"I sense and see in our midst an enemy more dangerous, insidious and ruthless than any faced since the Second World War. Let none be in doubt about this, for the first calculated steps have been taken. I firmly believe there is a long-term political strategy to destroy the proven structure of the police and turn them into an exclusive agency of a one-party state.

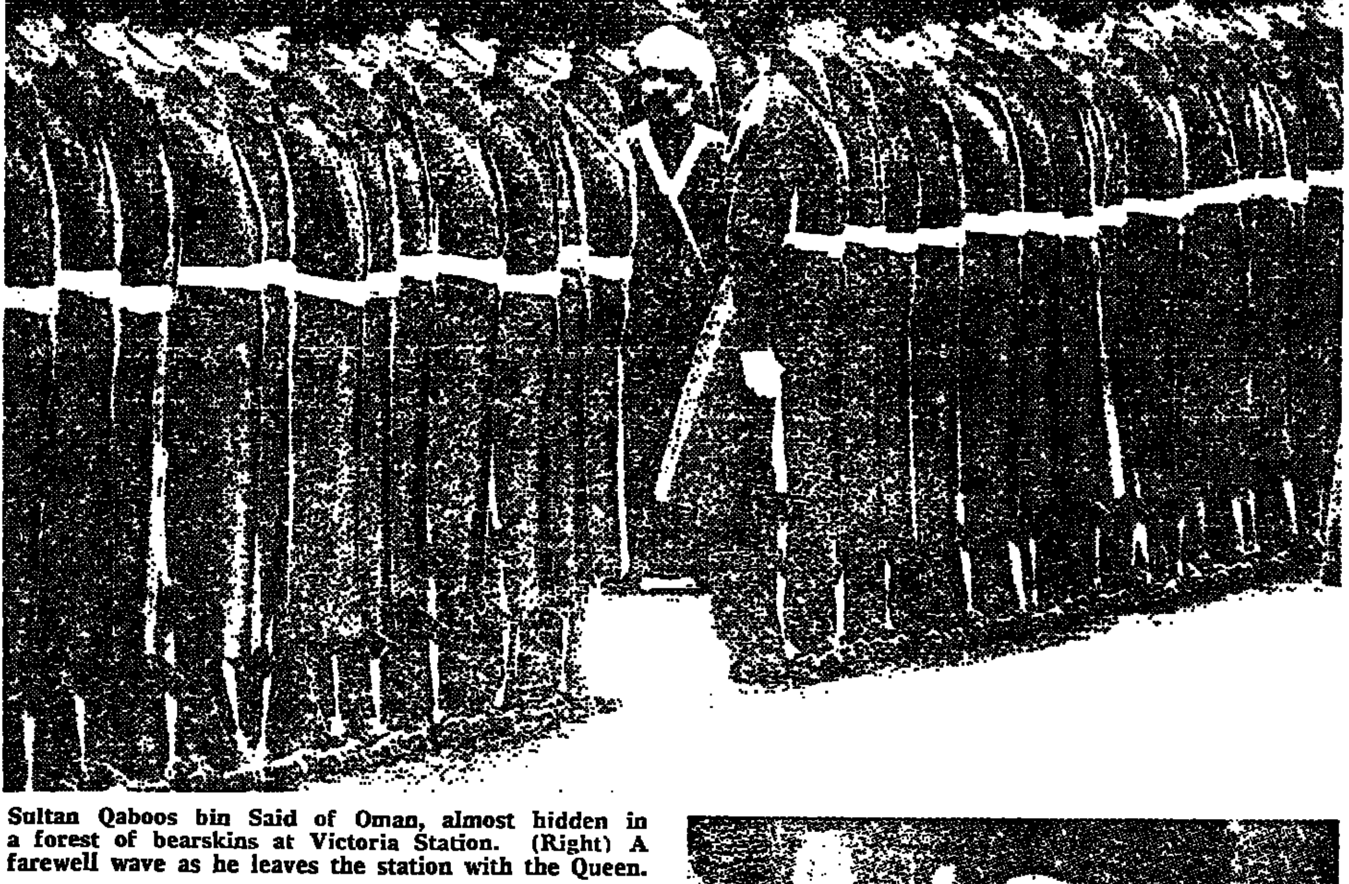
"No matter how radical and painful it may seem, police committees should be reconstituted to avoid the exercise of a political majority. There is a very strong case for giving magistrates at least half the committee membership. But better still, I recommend that police committees should be totally abolished and replaced by non-political police boards, the members of which would surely be much more objective."

At a press conference in Manchester yesterday, Mr Anderton said that public reaction to his statement had been divided. Some who disagreed with what he had said also disagreed with his right to say it.

Asked whether he could continue to work with Greater Manchester police committee in view of Mr Kelly's comments, Mr Anderton said he could and would and that it was his proper duty so to do.

He agreed, however, that he had experienced difficulties with his own committee. "What I find difficult to accept today is that many important and major decisions are viewed, assessed and disposed of purely on the basis of what the dominant political party happens to decide."

He thought it was wrong that there could be a "hotchpotch" of local authorities of differing political views sometimes controlling adjoining police forces.





Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman, almost hidden in a forest of bearskins at Victoria Station. (Right) A farewell wave as he leaves the station with the Queen.

Thunderbolt fails to shake flying Sultan

By Our Foreign Staff

The aircraft carrying Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman to Britain for a state visit was struck by lightning on the approach to Gatwick Airport yesterday. The bolt, described as "severe", hit a lightning conductor on the nose of the Sultan's VC10 jet. The aircraft was undamaged.

Cabin staff said the Sultan was not worried and looked calm as he stepped from the aircraft on arrival at Gatwick.

The Civil Aviation Authority said lightning strikes were not all that infrequent and that aircraft were designed to withstand the effects.

Scotland Yard said that later a controlled explosion was carried out on a brown Renault car parked in the Mall. The car did not contain any explosives, but the carriage procession led by the Queen and the Sultan was diverted because of police suspicions about the vehicle.

The Sultan, the most overtly pro-Western of all Arab rulers, has often been to Britain but this is his first state visit.

Modern medicine —with leeches

By Kenneth Gosling

The leech, the humble annelid worm that in times past was used to suck blood as a method of medical treatment—and was even applied to people who wanted to lose weight—is back in favour as a way of cleaning up tissue after delicate microsurgery operations.

It will be good news for zoologists who have been gloomily contemplating the bloodsuckers' imminent extinction, that Mr Lance Sully, a plastic surgeon at Nottingham City Hospital, has taken delivery of 20 leeches which so far have been used successfully on two patients.

Mr Sully, who was operating yesterday, is said to have got the idea for applying leeches when he visited France. Mr John Gilbey, the hospital's principal pharmacist, explained yesterday that the British leech is nowhere in the running—or the sucking—when it comes to modern medical applications.

"It is a tiny little thing of neither use nor ornament," he said. Your truly pedigree bloodsucker is of either Belgian or Hungarian stock—Mr Gilbey thinks the ones they have, supplied by a south England firm, are Hungarian.

Once they have been thoroughly fed, leeches proceed to reproduce themselves—they are hermaphroditic—and can last for at least a year without any further feeding. Mr Gilbey says patients have no objection to leeches being applied once they know it can mean the difference between a skin graft failing or succeeding.

The leeches, he explains, get rid of excess blood without the risk of clotting—something injections and creams cannot always do. It is, he says, a new application of an old technique.

The leech can be used repeatedly but at Nottingham they are aware of the risk of cross-infection and this is not done.

The real problem as far as Mr Gilbey is concerned is where to keep the creatures. At the moment they live in a fish tank with muslin across the top to stop them climbing out.

"I would like to get hold of a proper leech jar," said Mr Gilbey.

Given a permanent home of that sort, there seems no reason to doubt that the medicinal leech is here to stay—that is, until medical science can come up with a satisfactory substitute.

Kidnappers free British diplomat

The kidnappers of a British diplomat in Beirut released him unharmed last night after demanding a £70,000 ransome. Mr Muhammad Mokdad, a Lebanese-born second secretary at the embassy, was kidnapped on Monday. Meanwhile, a car bomb outside the Egyptian interests section of the French Embassy killed three people and injured seven.

Russia freezes deployment of missiles

From Michael Binyon, Moscow, March 16

President Brezhnev today announced that the Soviet Union was freezing the deployment of its triple-headed SS20 missiles west of the Ural mountains, and was ready to reduce the number already in place if an arms agreement could be reached with the United States.

But he said that this unilateral moratorium was only temporary, and if Nato went ahead with the deployment next year of new medium-range missiles in Europe, the Russians would take unspecified "retaliatory measures".

Addressing the opening session of the Soviet Trade Union Congress in the Kremlin, Mr Brezhnev said the Soviet leadership had decided to halt the deployment of the SS20s and the replacement of the older SS4 and SS5 missiles in order to set a good example and help to reach agreement on a big reduction of nuclear weapons by both sides in Europe.

"If the two sides reached agreement on a moratorium we would be prepared, as a sign of good will, to carry out a unilateral reduction of the number of our nuclear weapons in Europe as part of the future reduction agreed upon.

"Now we have decided to take a new step demonstrating our resolve for peace and faith in the possibility of a mutually acceptable agreement. The Soviet Union intends already this year, unless there is a new aggravation of the international situation, to reduce a certain number of its medium-range missiles on its own initiative."

The Soviet proposals go beyond those made in Bonn in November or previously in that they do not make the moratorium dependent on the West not going ahead with deployment of the Nato missiles — something the West has firmly rejected as consolidatinig the present Soviet advantage.

But Mr Brezhnev made it clear that he expected a swift response to his offer. The freeze would be in force only until agreement had been reached on medium-range weapons in Europe, or until American leaders actually went over to "practical preparations" to deploy the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles — which presumably would be before the 1983 development target.

If Nato still went ahead with its plans, he said, a different strategic situation would arise in the world. "This would compel us to take retaliatory steps that would put the other side, including the United States itself, its own territory, in an analogous position."

He did not disclose what these steps would be, but seemed to suggest that the Russians would install in Cuba similar medium-range missiles able to strike at the United States.

Mr Brezhnev linked his offer with a new call on Washington to resume talks on limiting strategic arms. Pending this, he proposed that both sides should commit themselves not to increase their arsenals and not to deploy long-range cruise missiles based on land or at sea.

Declaring that the world situation called for maximum military restraint by the opposing alliances, Mr Brezhnev also called for a restriction of naval operations by both sides. He said missile-carrying submarines should no longer patrol such large areas, and

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Wall Street demands sweeping reforms in Reaganomics

From Bailey Morris, Washington, March 16

Mr Henry Kaufman, the respected Wall Street forecaster whose predictions can move markets, said today that United States financial markets have lost confidence in the Reagan Administration's policies which had to be changed drastically to prevent "economic tragedy."

In a strongly-worded statement to the House of Representatives' Budget Committee, Mr Kaufman, managing director and chief economist of Salomon Brothers, the leading Wall Street investment bankers, called for sweeping reforms of American monetary and fiscal policies.

Without drastic changes, the United States economy faced several years of ballooning deficits, unprecedented interest rates and increasing bankruptcies, Mr Kaufman said.

His remarks coincided with the release of a new informal forecast by the Reagan Administration's chief economist, who said presistently high interest rates were jeopardizing prospects for a predicted business recovery early this year.

Mr Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the council of economic advisers, said in an nterview with *The New York Times* that high American interest rates were "affecting the timing, speed, strength and duration of the recovery."

He indicated that the Administration would be forced to scale down its recovery estimates and to raise its deficit projections in the revised budget forecast the President is required by law to submit to Congress in April.

With the certainty of a much higher official deficit forecast than the $91,500m contained in the President's 1983 budget, Mr Weidenbaum said he was pressing for comprehensive action to reduce the Federal debt.

"The major barrier to recovery is those higher interest



Kaufman: unacceptable economic upheaval

rates. Given the way financial markets think these days, a reduced deficit would be an important contribution", Mr Weidenbaum said.

Even as Mr Kaufman was testifying, several large United States banks announced half-point increases in the prime lending rates charged to their best business customers to 16½ per cent.

Banks announcing the new rates included Morgan Guaranty Trust, First National Bank of Chicago and Chase Manhattan Bank, which said it was very reluctant to make the move but was impelled to do so by the high cost of funds over the past week.

In his statement, Mr Kaufman indicated, however, that corrective action of a much more comprehensive nature was required to restore the confidence of Wall Street and the health of financial institutions and corporations.

He emphasized particularly the need for Congress to reexamine the role of the Federal Reserve Board, whose recent adherence to a policy of strict monetarism had resulted in unacceptable economic upheaval.

Mr Kaufman offered a very specific set of policy alternatives to Congressional budget experts who are examining Mr Reagan's 1983 proposals.

An extraordinary effort would be needed to bring down the huge projected deficits, Mr Kaufman said, urging repeal of the individual tax cuts strongly supported by Mr Reagan.

Mr Kaufman advocated that the 10 per cent cut in personal income taxes planned for July, 1982, should be cut in half and that the additional 10 per cent cut for July, 1983, be abandoned altogether.

He also urged Congress to cancel the next round of cost-of-living increases for social and welfare benefits. These did not go far enough, however.

The Federal Reserve's present policy of controlling the growth of money supply should be replaced by a policy designed to control the growth of debt, he said.

Volatile interest rates and the erratic growth in the money supply had been caused by the Federal Reserve's unwillingness to recognize that the private sector distinguished less and less between the classical definition of money and credit.

If the Federal Reserve did not find a means of curbing the resulting proliferation of short-term debt, a growing number of forced mergers and corporate bankruptcies could be expected, Mr Kaufman predicted.

The main reason Wall Street had failed to respond to the Reagan Administration's policies was its collective belief that they were based on false assumptions about the new economic realities.

Wall Street's hope of a balanced budget had been shattered and this fact, coupled with the certain prospect of huge Treasury borrowings to finance the deficit, had killed its belief in a business recovery, Mr Kaufman said.

Tebbit's surprise invitation to TUC over jobs Bill

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, has unexpectedly invited TUC leaders to a new round of talks on his Employment Bill, which lays union funds open to civil action for massive damages.

His proposal, made in a letter to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, comes before a key meeting of congress's Employment Policy and Organization Committee this morning. But it is almost certain to be rejected in the run-up to the Labour movement's campaign of opposition to the Cabinet's proposed industrial relations reform.

In his letter to the unions, Mr Tebbit complains of the negative attitude being taken by the TUC and adds: "I would like to repeat the offer I made on December 23 to discuss matters you may wish to raise with me."

But trade union activity on the legislative front is moving in completely the opposite direction. Union leaders are recommending to a special conference on April 5 an eight-point campaign to frustrate the operation of Mr Tebbit's law.

A costly publicity campaign to bring home to Britain's 11 million unionists the dangers of the forthcoming Employment Act, and to get them to prevent it from operating properly is to be launched immediately after the conference.

Preparations for the campaign, contained in a confidential report to the employment policy committee, disclose that briefings for national officials will be held at Congress House on March 25, 26 and 31, involving 70 officers and 35 unions at this stage. Then 650,000 copies of a leaflet, *The Government has declared war on the unions* will be sent out to the regions.

In addition, the TUC plans an "action pack" of materials for union officials and other measures aimed at bringing the rank and file into what the TUC sees as its biggest struggle since succesfully frutrating the Indutrial Relations Act, 1971.

Mr Tebbit's invitation is likely to be rejected in spite of the difficulty the TUC is having in generating shop-floor antagonism towards the legislation, because the TUC feels that rank and file unionists have not yet fully understood the likely impact of the legislation.

Von Bulow found guilty

Claus von Bulow, a Cambridge educated former London barrister and aide to John Paul Getty, the late oil millionaire, was found guilty yesterday at a court in Newport, Rhode Island, of attempting to murder his wife.

In a trial that lasted two months and shook the New England colony of the rich, von Bulow was accused on two charges of assault with intent to commit murder of his extremely wealthy wife by poisoning her with insulin injections. She now lies in an irreversible coma in a New York hospital.

The prosecution claimed that von Bulow wanted the $14m she intended to leave him in her will and to marry Mrs Alexandra Isles, his mistress.

Von Bulow showed no emotion throughout the trial but smiled to the cheering crowd as he left the court. His lawyer said he would appeal

He faces a possible maximum sentence of 20 years in prison on each charge when sentence is passed on April 2.

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Woman in Glasgow rape case 'now fit to testify'

From Jonathan Wills, Edinburgh

The chief law officer of Scotland yesterday eased the way for a private prosecution in the controversial Glasgow rape case, and explained why the Crown dropped a public prosecution.

In the High Court of Justiciary in Edinburgh Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Advocate, told Lord Emslie, the Lord Justice-General, that he considered the private prosecution to be competent and would not oppose it.

He also said the Crown would grant legal immunity to an alleged "associate in crime" if he gave evidence against the persons complained of.

Lord Emslie, sitting with Lord Cameron and Lord Avonside, was told by Mr Charles Kemp Davidson, QC, the Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, that a recent psychiatric report on "Mrs X", the complainer, said she was now fit to give evidence.

However, the consultant forensic psychiatrist who made the report had said that if a trial went ahead he would wish to reexamine her a week beforehand. Mr Davidson said her evidence was indispensable.

He told the court that although the Lord Advocate had decided to drop the case last September, there was nothing in Scots law to prevent a subsequent private prosecution. He cited case law and legal opion dating back to the seventeenth century, including a reference to the Notorious Burke and Hare case.

Counsel for one of the three teenagers involved in the allegations, however, said the private prosecution was not competent, as the full power of prosecution was vested irrevocably in the Lord Advocate.

The court spent most of the day hearing arguments abouyt the competency of the case, the possble effect on a jury of wht Lord Emslie called "saturation" publicity, and the queston of immunity for a witness.

The Lord Advocate was closely questioned by the three judges when he appeared before them to explain the history of the case and the Crown's role in it. He said: "The Crown's position is, and always has been since this case was first considered by Crown counsel, that on the assumption that the applicant is available to give evidence at a trial there is sufficient case against the three persons in respect of whom criminal letters are sought to justify a prosecution on the two charges against them proposed on the Bill."

A Bill of criminal letters is the Scottish legal terminology for an application to bring a private prosecution.

Lord Mackay said he regretted that "Mrs X" has not been told of the decision not to prosecute last September, when the youths were told.

He said the Crown had indicted the three accused twice. At the first diet, in a sheriff's court, one of the accused had "entered a request for some form of separation of trial". The absence of "Mrs X" in England had meant that the first trial had been put off. There had been further delays occasioned by industrial action taken by court officers.

Subsequently a psychiatric report said "Mrs X" dreaded a court appearance. She wanted neither to relive the experience to which she had been subjected nor to see her assailants.

The psychiatrist had said a court appearance would have harmed the woman's health and could have led to suicide. At the time, last June, there was no prospect of an inmprovement in her state of health.

The decision to drop the case had taken into account "whether the proceedings should be kept hanging over the heads of these persons indefinitely when the Crown was not in a position to say there was any prospect of them being able to proceed in the immediate future and was not in a position to say if the risk of suicide would ever be removed".

The hearing continues today.



The Rev John Roff, who called the police, and Mr Terence Hoggarth with his mother and the dogs that were plied with biscuits.

House raiders grab £15,000

A family of three was held at gunpoint by two armed men who broke into a Derbyshire house and escaped with £15,000 in cash.

The raiders kept the family's four dogs friendly with sweet biscuits for half an hour while they searched Mr Terence Hoggarth's house in St Lawrence Road, North Wingfield, on Monday night.

When the rector, who lives next door, called he was told that Mr Hoggarth, a garage owner, was ill. But the Rev John was suspicious and called the police.

The police said the house had been watched closely after information was received from Birmingham police, but the surveillance indeed shortly before the raid.

Mr Hoggarth, aged 45, who was with his parents, Mr Gordon Hoggarth and Mrs Kathleen Hoggarth, when the raiders struck, said the banknotes the men found in the house had accumulated over the years. "If they had come about two days earlier they would have got about £40,000 garage takings", he said.

A man was being interviewed by police last night.

Rate rise expected to be about 15 per cent

By David Walker

Household rates in England will rise by an average of 15 per cent in the financial year beginning in April, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy has predicted on the basis of a sample of more than half of all councils.

The average householders' bill is likely to be £281, compared with £245 for the present year. For industry and commerce rates will rise by 13 per cent.

The institute's calculations confirm that ratepayers in London are to fare relatively better than in previous years. In the inner areas of the capital rates are set to rise by 14 per cent for householders and 12.5 per cent for industry and commerce. Comparable figures for the shire counties are 15.8 per cent and 13.6 per cent.

☐ Domestic ratepayers would gain substantially if the Government reimposed rates on farm buildings, the Association of District Councils yesterday told MPs on the House of Commons Environment Committee.

Property on agricultural land has been exempt from rates since the 1920s. Mr Ian McCallum, chairman of the Conservative-controlled association, said that the taxation of agricultural land itself would be too complicated.

☐ The Government's Green Paper on alternatives to the rates has been dismissed as inequitable by the National Chamber of Trade because it tries to deal with the difficulties of household rates without considering the rates on businesses.

Science report

How oceans changed millions of years ago

By the Staff of "Nature"

By a careful analysis of the isotopes of sulphur in ancient rocks, it is now possible to date the accumulation of sulphate in the oceans at 2,350 million years ago. Dr E. M. Cameron of the Geological Survey of Canada, the author of the research, describes this date as a milestone in the evolution of the earth.

This development also throws light on the way the chemical composition of the early atmosphere of the Earth was regulated.

Ratios of the isotopes of sulphur in ancient rocks are pointers to conditions at the time of their formation because of the way marine bacteria that live on sulphate use sulphate containing the isotope sulphur-32. The less common isotope, sulphur-34 is not as fully utilized. Eventually, the sulphur used by bacteria is incorporated in the sulphide in marine sediments, which are in turn incorporated into sulphur-bearing rocks.

Dr Cameron has assembled an impressive array of information about the ratios of sulphur isotopes in Precambrian and earlier rocks. His most telling evidence, however, comes from the analysis of sulphur isotopes in Precambrian sediments in South Africa, a whole sequence of which has been dated by means of the volcanic lavas with which they are interspersed.

In these South African rocks, the appearance of sulphide deposits containing abnormally large proportions of the isotope sulphur-32 can be fixed within about 360 million years, with the best estimate for the age of the appearance of the sulphate-using bacteria provisionally put at 2,350 million years ago.

One interesting by-product of this research is that it has been possible to distinguish between rocks containing bacterial sulphur and sulphur derived from other geological processes. Thus some sulphide rocks in which the proportions of sulphur-34 are abnormally great can be linked with high-temperature processes such as those occurring now in certain deep basins in the Red Sea, where sulphate is being reduced to sulphide by familiar chemical processes.

Dr Cameron argues that significant amounts of sulphate first made their appearance in the oceans 2,350 million years ago. Before that, he says, the concentration of sulphate in the oceans would have been about 4 per cent of what it is now. At that time, the exchange of materials capable of reducing sulphate to sulphide between the mantle of the Earth and the oceans would have been so rapid that large amounts of sulphate would not have been accumulated.

This theory also accounts for the nearly simultaneous beginning of the accumulation of free oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere.

This development also directs attention to what may have been one of the most significant events in the history of the Earth — the transition about 2,800 million years ago from a state in which the surface rocks of the Earth were being created and reinterred in the mantle about six times as quickly as at present to a state not very different from now with the turnover of the surface rocks slow enough to allow the continents to grow.

Source: Nature, Volume 296, page 145, March 11, 1982.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Call by MP for 'Times' inquiry

Mr John Smith, the shadow Secretary of State for Trade, called last night for a government inquiry into recent events at The Times. He is asking Mr John Biffen, the Secretary of State for Trade, to see if safeguards for the newspaper's editorial independence can be strengthened.

Mr Smith said that last year, when Mr Biffen permitted Mr Rupert Murdoch to take over The Times, he had assured Parliament there were adequate safeguards of editorial independence. "Events of recent weeks and days reveal there must now be serious doubts about Mr Murdoch's desire to abide by any safeguards, and about the effectiveness of those safeguards", Mr Smith said.

"I call on Mr Biffen to inquire into the whole matter, to establish whether the safeguards can possibly be considered effective and how they could be strengthened."

Inquiry urged on marsh drainage

Mr Robin Grove-White, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, has written to Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, asking for an immediate public inquiry into the proposed drainage of Halvergate Marshes, in the Norfolk Broads (John Young writes).

The council regards attempts to negotiate a so-called safeguarding arrangement, under which farmers would be compensated for not converting marsh to arable land, as inadequate and unrealistic, Mr Grove-White says.

Among recent events that have caused concern, Mr Grove-White cites the action of a local farmer in ploughing up part of a site of special scientific interest, and the fact that there has been no agreement on the terms of compensation to farmers.

New information on rabies

The Government is for the first time preparing public information material to be used in the event of a rabies outbreak, it was disclosed yesterday (John Young writes).

Although anxious to avoid any suggestion of alarm, the Ministry of Agriculture is facing the possibility that through ignorance, thoughtlessness or even criminal intent the disease might find its way into Britain.

Although the advance of the disease across northern France has been slowed recently, it is now only about 60 miles from the Channel coast.

Irish post rates up

Post Office charges in the Irish Republic are to go up by 20 per cent from the beginning of next month, Mr John Wilson, Posts and Telegraphs Minister in the new Fianna Fail Government, said yesterday.

CORRECTION

The photograph on yesterday's front page was not of Leading Fireman Stephen Baker, but of Fireman Robert Goddard, who was also involved in the rescue described in the caption.

UDA to step up action after bombing

From Richard Ford, Belfast

As Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, appealed to the "loyalist" Ulster Defence Association yesterday not to retaliate after the province-wide bombing that killed a schoolboy, the organization decided to take a more positive paramilitary role and increase surveillance in border areas and parts of Belfast.

But the UDA decision, taken after a three-hour meeting in Belfast, stops short of the warning made immediately after the five bomb attacks that they were considering "full mobilization" to combat the 'IRA's new wave of terror".

Mr Prior said: "Retaliation can do nothing to help the forces of law and order."

The Provisional IRA last night claimed responsibility for the bomb attacks, saying that they regretted the death of the schoolboy in Banbridge, co Down, and other injuries caused by the explosions. They were carrying out an inquiry into circumstances surrounding a warning given about the Banbridge bomb, but said commercial premises would continue to be targets.

The parents of Alan McCrum, aged 11, who dies in the blast, were being comforted yesterday by friends at their home in Loughbrickland. They expressed no hatred against those that planted the bomb.

Mrs Eleanor McCrum, The boy's mother, said: "I would not hold any hatred against those responsible. What is happening in Northern Ireland is tragic. All we can do now is pray.

"Alan was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. But we do not want to stir up hatred. We live in a mixed community and everyone pulls together when something like this happens."

Mr David McCrum, the boy's father, said: "If those responsible could see what they have done by seeing all the victims in hospital, maybe all these incidents would not happen."

The couple's son was standing in a jeweller's shop when the huge car bomb exploded across the street at teatime on Monday. He was apparently killed instantly.

Thirty-foru people were injured in the blast and 17 were detained in hospital overnight. Yesterday two women were still seriously ill at Craigavon Hospital.

The bombings were condemned by politicians and leading churchmen from both sides of the sectarian divide. The Bishop of Down and Dromore, Dr Robin Eames, visiting Banbridge, said he felt shock and sadness at what had happened.

Mr John Hume, leader of the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, will attend a St Patrick's Day lunch today given by President Reagan at the White House. Among others at the lunch will be Mr Charles Haughey, the new Prime Minister of the republic.

☐ The BBC has defended broadcasting a Panorama television programme which included interviews with IRA men living openly in the republic who admitted their part in terrorist activity.

Several men and women were interviewed during the 50-minute programme on Monday which examined the law that allows terrorists wanted for offences in Northern Ireland to fight extradition from the republic by claiming their action was political. It also reported on the failure of British attempts to have accused men extradited from America.

Self-confessed terrorists interviewed including Sean Gallagher from Strabane, who is wanted for the murder of Police Constable Robert Leslie in 1971. Mrs Susan Leslie, the dead constable's mother, criticized the BBC for screening the programme without informing close relatives of the victims.

"It should never have been televised. It was pure propaganda for the IRA", she said.

Sale record for Turner watercolour

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A Turner watercolour of a storm over Venice became the most expensive English watercolour ever sold at auction yesterday when it was bid to £145,800 at Christie's. It was bought by Agnew's, the Bond Street dealers, on behald of a private co llector, against hot competition from an American.

Christie's had taken a very conservative view of the value of the drawing, estimating it at £30,000 to £40,000. The highest price previously at auction was paid in 1975, when Leggatt's gave £85,000 for a view of Turner's beloved mountain, "Dark Rigi".

Entitled "Venice: A storm approaching S. Giogio Maggiore and the Dogana", the watercolour sold yesterday is a riot of hazy colour and is thought ot date from Turner's 1840 visit. It is in outstandingly good condition.

The rest of the watercolour sale proved more predictable but there was a comfo rtable supply of buyers and and only 5 p er cent of the total remained unsold. Agnew's paid £14,040 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) foor an 1827 William Daniell vbiew of "Eton College" A view of "Portsmouth Harbour from Po rtadown Hil", by William Turner of Oxford, made the same p rice (estimate £12,000-£16,000)

Brittan exposes SDP 'tinsel'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday that the early popularity of the Social Democratic Party had been "quite understandable".

He told a Bow Group press conference in London that voters had been confronted with the effects of a deep recession, with high unemployment, and they had reacted by seeking some quick, easy and attractive way out of the country's economic difficulties.

"As the Labour Party's ugly Marxist face was ever more clearly exposed by fratricidal squabbles, the SDP seemed to represent an acceptable alternative", Mr Brittan said. But he went on: "Being nice is not enough. In the end people expect principles and policies."

The minister, speaking at the launching of a Bow Group pamphlet, Leftovers: the SDP, a Critical Analysis, said that there were clear signs that the SDP's "steady rise" had been reversed.

"The glitter remains, but under critical public scrutiny it can now be tinsel rather than gold."

Mr Brittan also suggested that there were two other reasons for the slide of the Social Democrats; the integrity of a Government which had persisted in its policies and the public respect that that attracted, and the growing realization that the SDP was neither new nor centrist, but rather "the battered remains of the Wilson-Callaghan Labour Party".

Those remains, he said, were advocating policies that had failed and which were largely responsible for the country's present difficulties.

Four youths cleared of Terry May murder

Four black youths, among 15 on trial, were cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, at the start of the third week of their case, of the murder of Terry May, aged 19, a white youth who was crippled. Later, one defendant dispensed with his barrister.

Mr Justice Farquharson listened to defence submissions before directing the jury to return not guilty verdicts because of lack of evidence on Garry Huggins, aged 23, Garnett Hanson, aged 16, both of Melfort Road, Thornton Heath, and Ricky Whyte, aged 19, and Patrick Taylor, aged 19, both of Cobden Road, South Norwood.

Huggins and Whyte were also acquitted, on his direction, of a charge of affray, and Whyte, who was discharged from the dock, was found not guilty of rioting.

Three others, Ronald Pilgrim, aged 24, of Regina Road, South Norwood, Carlton Newsome, aged 18, of Biggin Hill, Upper Norwood, and David Collins, aged 18, of Edward Road, Addiscombe, still face charges of murdering Mr May, who lived at Windsor Road, Thornton Heath.

Huggins, with the three accused of murder and 10 others, denies rioting. Two of them, Dwight Lewin, aged 18, of Melfort Road, and Peter Wright, aged 15, of Brook Road, Thornton Heath, were cleared, on the judge's instructions, of affray.

The trial continues today.

McCarthy may visit BR depots

By David Felton
Labour Reporter

Lord McCarthy, chairman of the Railway Staffs National Tribunal, admitted last night after listening to two days of evidence, that he did not fully understand the controversial issue of flexible rostering and may need to visit depots to obtain first-hand information.

He told British Rail and the three railway unions involved in the new rostering, which was at the centre of the six-week-long campaign of strikes by train drivers early this year: "I do not feel competent to decide between you on the practicalities of these rosters. I find it difficult."

He told the parties that he would need more information to understand British Rail's proposals for seven to nine-hour shifts to replace the guaranteed eight-hour day for train drivers.

Mr Raymond Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), had earlier told the tribunal: "If you were talking about putting a price on acceptance of flexible rostering there are too many principles involved and I am convinced that my members will not buy it at any price".

Some British Rail officials expressed concern over the line of questioning, which seemed to indicate that Lord McCarthy believed a possible solution would be continuing flexible rostering for guards but allowing the drivers to retain their eight-hour day.

Mr Clifford Rose, British Rail board member for industrial relations, said he hoped Lord McCarthy was not suggesting that as a possible solution to the dispute, which cost British Rail £75m in the 17 days of Aslef strikes in January and February.

There were heated exchanges later between the tribunal chairman and Mr Rose when Lord McCarthy suggested British Rail was arguing that it would go the Government for extra funds for electrification and her investment only if Aslef agreed to the flexible rostering.

Mr Rose said: "I find that a particularly offensive remark", and said that Lord McCarthy should listen to him and to representatives of British Rail and not the newspapers.

Mr Russell Tuck, senior assistant general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, told the tribunal that his union would be seeking extra payment for the 12,000 guards as a share of the savings

WPC's bravery honoured

Woman Police Officer Helen Evans being congratulated by her husband in London yesterday after she received an award from the Police Reward Fund at Bow Street Magistrates' Court.

She received the award for saving the life of a struggling woman on a scaffolding platform over 120ft high in Oxford Street, in the West End of London.

WPC Evans, aged 23, talked to the woman for two hours and for a while held on to the woman's legs while being held herself only by her uniform belt.

WARNING OF WATER BILL INCREASES

By Baron Phillips

Britain's deteriorating water and sewerage system will need an extra £100m a year by 1987 to tackle the backlog of repair and maintenance work, Sir Robert Marshall, chairman of the National Water Council, announced yesterday.

The money will come from larger increases in water rates, which Sir Robert said would rise slightly faster than general price levels.

"Failure to face up to this will place heavy burdens on future water consumers", the council says in its review, published yesterday. "This puts a particular onus on the industry to continue to improve its operating efficiency. Good progress is being made, but the scope is not sufficient to pay for the backlog of renovation."

The council also announced yesterday that it had secured a further £14.5m in long-term loans from the European Investment Bank. That brings the total financing from the bank over the last four years to almost £450m, which goes to local water authorities.

The Severn-Trent Water Authority will receive £7.5m for capital projects, including the new Carsington Reservoir, near Ashborne, and a further £7m will be lent to the Yorkshire authority for supply improvements in the Barnsley and Doncaster areas.

The council esimates it will spend about £700m on main projects this year, including maintenance, from revenue which last year amounted to £1,780m. In the last financial year capital expenditure was £713m.

'Romans' lawyer says he disapproves of nudity

By David Nicholson-Lord

Asolicitor representing Mrs Mary Whitehouse told a jury yesterday he was "numbed" when he saw a prtrayal of male homosexual rape in the play, The Romans in Britrain at the national Theatre in London.

Mr Graham Ross-Cornes, the solicitor agreed that the prosecution of a theatre director could not have gone ahead if either the director of the actors had been women, but he denied there was any difference between indecency or foul language on the stage, in the street, at a garden fete or at a "vicar's tea party".

He told the jury at the Central Criminal Court: "Something is either grossly indecent or it is not. The reason why people are doing it does nor affect whether it is gross indecency in the eyes of people who are seeing it."

Mr Ross-Cornes, the sole witness for the private prosecution brought by Mrs Whitehouse against Mr Michael Bogdanov, the director, was questioned by Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, for the defence, about his views on nudity and foul language on the stage.

He said he disapproved of both. He was a member of Mrs Whitehouse's National Viewers and Listerners Association, although he took no active part. He was not a member of the Festival of Light.

The prosecution case against Mr Bogdanov was concluded yesterday after an hour's evidence from Mr Ross-Cornes.

The jury was sent home at lunchtime, as the rest of the day was taken up with legal submissions.

Mr Bogdanov, aged 43, of New Cross, south London, faces up to two years' imprisonment on two charges of procuring and being party to an act of gross indecency under the Sexual Offences Act, 1956.

The charges, which Mr Bogdanov denies, involve a simulated act of buggery between two male actors at the Olivier Theatre in December, 1980. The scene depicted the attempted rape of a teenage Celt by a Roman soldier during Caesar's invasion of Britain.

Mr Ross-Cornes agreed in cross-examination that there could have been no prosecution under the Sexual Offences Act if the director or actors had been women. He said he saw nothing ridiculous about using a section of the Act, which has been said to be normally employed for offences of sexual gratification in public lavatories, to bring the prosecution.

Life sentences upheld

By Frances Gibb

A move to end mandatory life sentences for murder was defeated in the committee stage of the Criminal Justice Bill yesterday.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk and chairman of the all-party penal affairs group of MPs, said some murderers were far less dangerous than other violent criminals who did not automatically receive a life sentence, and the matter should be left to judges' discretion.

Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, said the present system, under which a prisoner could be released on licence, worked well and was flexible.

☐ Between fifty and a hundred children aged 15 and 16 are locked up in adult prisons on and one day, although in law they cannot be given a prison sentence, according to a paper published today.

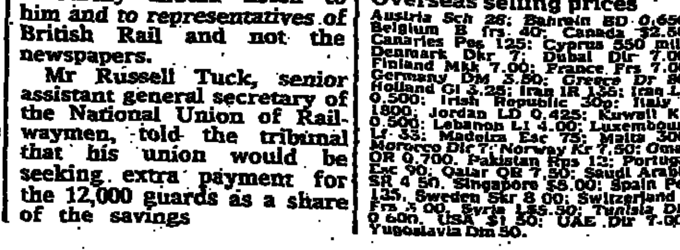
Keep Out, a pressure group opposing detention of young people, says teenagers are having to endure "degrading and deplorable" prison conditions.

TALBOT SET FOR BATTLE WITH TGWU

By Clifford Webb
Midlands Industrial Correspondent

The week-old strike over shorter break times which has stopped car production at the Talbot car plant at Ryston, near Coventry, is threatening to develop into a long battle with Britain's biggest union. By last night more than 4,000 of Talbot's 7,200 employees were idle. The Management's decision yesterday to close its Stoke engine works and lay off all 2,100 workers was greeted angrily by the Transport and General Workers' Union as an attempt to put shop floor pressure on 190 striking paint shop workers.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 26; Bahrein BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 40; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 125; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 80; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 30p; Italy L 1800; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon Ll 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 33; Madeira Esc 75; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 90; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $6.00; Spain Pes 135; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L55.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 50.





NEWS IN SUMMARY

Youth plan protest by Quakers

The Society of Friends has protested at government proposals for voluntary training of young people with the armed services (Our Religious Affairs Correspondent writes). "Mere submission to authoritarian discipline" is the wrong kind of training to give young people, the society states in a letter to Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence.

The Quakers say their commitment to peace caused them to condemn "a system that was designed to train people to kill others and they feared that such attitudes and methods would be passed on to young volunteers who took advantage of the Government's scheme.

They were also concerned that a close association with the Army could encourage violent attitudes among young extremists.

Charity loses £120,000

The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to children lost £120,000 last year and says that some of its work is in danger. (Jonathan Wills writes).

Announcing the deficit in Glasgow, Mr James Souness, the society's finance convener, said voluntary fund raising was up by £60,000 but there had been a fall in legacies and council donations.

'Nottingham News' to close

The *Nottingham News*, a weekly newspaper set up by dismissed journalists three years ago, is to close because of cash difficulties. The last edition of the paper will go on sale on Friday.

The reporters were dismissed by the *Nottingham Evening Post* management for joining a national strike by provincial journalists. They set up a workers' cooperative to run the paper, which was backed by the National Union of Journalists.

Clerical collars for Poland

The Anglican church at Kenton, Devon, is sending Catholic priests in Poland a package of goods, including 250 clerical collars and 100 pairs of women's tights, in a £10,000 consignment of medical supplies.

Prebendary John Parkinson responded to an appeal made by the wife of a Pole from the church pulpit. The collars were given by a firm of ecclesiastical outfitters.

Girl aged five has typhoid

A girl aged five in Southampton has Typhoid. She was admitted to the city's general hospital last Friday. The Southampton Health District said yesterday that the girl was doing well.

Her sister, aged three was who admitted to hospital on Monday, was "comfortable" yesterday. Two other girls, cousins aged 13 and 5, have also been admitted to hospital for observation.

Telephone links for bird study

Telephone links were opened yesterday by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds as part of a research programme into bird migration.

Over the next nine weeks the society's 100,000 junior members are being asked to telephone with information about birds arriving in Britain after wintering abroad. The telephones will operate on Tuesday nights at the society's headquarters at Sandy, Bedfordshire, and in Belfast, Edinburgh, Newtown in Wales, and Dublin.

Windmill plan for white cliffs

A government department is planning to build a 56 ft windmill near the top of the white cliffs of Dover to produce electricity for important radio equipment.

The Property Services Agency wants to put up a Danish-designed aerogenerator at Swingate, near Dover, where three towers are used by authorities, including the United States Air Force. One is used for British defence communications.

Woman admits stabbing boy

A woman who stabbed a boy aged four, penetrating more than four inches into his body, was sent to a mental hospital without limit of time in the High Court in Edinburgh, yesterday.

Jeanette Barnes, aged 31, of Hailesland Park, Edinburgh, admitted stabbing the boy to his permanent impairment and attempting to murder him in a children's play area on the Wester Hailes housing estate in the city.

Teacher wins as her attacker is found guilty

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

Miss Suzanne Puttock, the north London primary school teacher who claimed that she was told she was wasting public money by bringing an assault case to court and that she could expect to be hit at least another six times, won her case yesterday against the mother of one of her pupils.

Mrs Cyrille Alcendor, otherwise known as Mrs Saint-Marie, a mother of four children, of north London, was found guilty of assault by Mr Robert Hines, a stipendary magistrate, at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court. She was remanded on bail for sentence, pending medical and social reports, she had pleaded not guilty.

The court was told that Mrs Alcendor had been convicted of seven previous cases of assault in the last two years, including six on policemen, some occasioning actual bodily harm, and also that she had received treatment for mental disorder.

After the hearing Mr Brian Jones, deputy head of Highbury Grove school, Islington, and a national executive member of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT), to which Miss Puttock belongs, said the union was still pressing for a full inquiry into comments made last January by Mr David Fingleton, another stipendiary magistrate at Highbury Corner, when the case first came before the court.

The Prime Minister said at the time that she found the magistrate's alleged comments "utterly astonishing". The Lord Chancellor's Office had sent officials to find out exactly what had been said, she added.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, wrote to Mr Terence Casey, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, and to various local MPs last month saying that that inquiry was now complete, and that Mr Fingleton's version of what had been said was "entirely different" from the press reports which were the result, Lord Hailsham claimed, of "a distorted and an inaccurate report from an unspecified source".

However, both Mr Jones, who has attended all the court hearings, and Miss Puttock yesterday stood by their version of what Mr Fingleton said.

Miss Puttock told the court yesterday that on December 4 last she was getting ready to dismiss her class at Newington Green primary school at the end of the school day when Mrs Alcendor, the mother of one of the pupils, walked into the classroom and accused her of hitting her daughter, Brenda, aged seven, with a belt and gave her a "hefty push" on the chest.

Mrs Alcendor told the court she had not touched Miss Puttock. "I was going to hit her because she had hit my kid", she said. "The thought was there to do it, but I did not because she stumbled and fell to the floor."

Another case for European court

□ Details of a boy aged nine who was caned by the head of a Roman Catholic primary school a few hours after the European Court of Human Rights gave its judgment last month have been revealed by the anti-beating pressure group. Stopp. (Lucy Hodges writes).

The Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment is complaining to Strasbourg that the caning of Christopher Roach at St Monica's Roman Catholic Primary school, Hoxton, East London, was "a flouting by the British Government of the ruling by the European Court of Human Rights" because Mrs Roach had asked that she be consulted before her son was beaten again.

Classroom sleep-in called off

Children from a Suffolk comprehensive school listening to the radio news about themselves yesterday after spending Monday night in their classroom. The protest by 53 pupils in a busing dispute was called off last night when Mr John Crosby, headmaster of East Bergholt High School, locked them out as they prepared for a second night of occupation. (Michael Horsnell writes).

The children, from Capel St Mary village, are protesting against a charge of £17 a term by Suffolk County Council for school bus passes. The charge applies to all children who live within three miles of the school.

The children, aged 12 to 16, slept in classrooms supervised by five teachers and two council officials on Monday. Their parents provided food and blankets, but yesterday Mr Crosby urged parents to end the confrontation.

Mr Duncan Graham, the county chief education officer, said: "Regardless of the rights and wrongs of the matter, to use children in the way that they have been by their parents is very, very sad". Mr Derek Hurley, joint chairman of the village bus action group, said: "I feel we have made our point.

'Christian' advertisement ban angers doctors

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The banning of an advertisement for a Christian doctor in a medical newspaper has brought strong protests. The newspaper, *Pulse*, sought advice from the Commission for Racial Equality before publishing the advertisement and was told that to do so would be illegal.

Pulse said that according to the CRE the advertisement could be seen to deter, for example, Jews, Hindus and Buddhists, and indicated an intention to discriminate against them. "Britain is a Christian country, and if religion is important then it will help if your partners share your faith."

Pulse said doctors had written to protest at the ruling. And Canon Raymond S. Wilkinson of Solihull who heard about it from a local consultant, told *The Times*: "As a Parish priest who has owed an immense amount to the co-opperation which exists between the church and medicine, I am dismayed and angry that the commission should interfere in what appeared to me to be a perfectly legitimate and appropriate type of advertisement, especially in an allegedly Christian country".

But Mr Frances Deutsch, senior legal officer at the commission, said the advice was given on the basis of section 29 of the Race Relations Act, 1976, though there had not been a court ruling on the subject.

Acts were unlawful which indicated, or reasonably might be understood as indicating, an intention by a person to do an act of discrimination, whether the doing of the act by him would be lawful or unlawful.

Legal advice to the commission has been that religious preference is an act of indirect discrimination. There would, however, be a defence if it was justifiable. An advertisement would not be, Mr Deutsch said.

Leave town, judge tells pornographers

Soho "pornography merchants" were told in the Court of Appeal yesterday: "Pack your bags and get out of town."

Upholding a six-month jail sentence on Christopher Holloway, aged 31, for possession of obscene articles, including video pornography, Lord Justice Lawton commented: "There is evil in this type of pornography and it is an evil that has to be stamped out."

He continued: "When news of this judgment reaches Soho it is to be hoped that a considerable amount of stocktaking will be carried out within 72 hours. If there is not, there is likely to be a considerable depletion in the population of that area in the next few months."

Holloway, of Trinity Terrace, Loughton, Essex, who was jailed at Knightsbridge Crown Court on January 22, had his appeal against sentence dismissed. He had been brought to trial after raids on his shops in Wardour Street and Old Compton Street in March and April, 1980.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting yesterday with Mr Justice Thompson and Mr Justice Jupp, said it was the first case of its kind for some time to reach the Court of Appeal and the court felt a policy statement should be issued.

This was not a case of an elderly judge setting what some might regard as old-fashioned standards. "If a modern jury takes the view that books and films and video tapes are obscene, it can be taken by this court that they are reflecting present-day attitudes to this material", Lord Justice Lawton said.

The judiciary had known for years of its harmful effects on offenders and even on couples in the course of their married lives. "We must make it hazardous for those convicted of commercial exploitation of pornography."

The judges were told today that Holloway had given up the trade.

□ A series of 29 planning appeals by sex shop operators begins in London today against enforcement orders served by Westminster City Council on premises in Soho and Paddington. They involve premises allegedly operating without planning permission as sex cinemas, nude encounter parlours, sex shops, live peep shows and coin-operated film booths, as well as other infringements of the planning laws.

□ A jury decided at Inner London Crown Court yesterday that the uncut version of Linda Lovelace's intimate sex film, *Deep Throat*, was obscene and likely to deprave or corrupt. They convicted two men of possessing obscene articles for publication for gain.

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'Wall of prejudice' in prison death trial

From Arthur Osman, Leicester

A defence counsel in the case of the three prison officers accused of murdering an inmate of Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, suggested yesterday that there had been "a wall of prejudice".

That was in reply to a claim by the Crown that there had been "a wall of silence" surrounding the case.

Mr Patrick Bennett, QC for the defence of Melvin Jackson, aged 33, said the officers were justified in having the full protection of law to have a fair trial and "not trial by the mob or media".

Mr Jackson, Eric Smith, aged 32, and Howard Price, aged 25, who all worked in the hospital wing of the prison where the dead man, Barry Prosser, aged 32, was held on remand in August, 1980, all elected to make statements from the dock at Leicester Crown Court rather than go into the witness box. They all denied any part in the injuries to or the death of Mr Prosser, a married man with two children from Sedgley, West Midlands. Mrs Dorothy Prosser, his widow, has sat in court since giving evidence.

Mr Bennett told the jury of four women and eight men: "In our society those who are responsible for maintaining discipline either outside the prisons or within them are subject to a great deal of prejudice. Any mistake or apparent mistake receives the greatest publicity in the media."

He said it was impossible for anyone to define or discover motives when examining the evidence of Patrick Galvin, a prisoner, who had said he saw the three accused go the the cell where Mr Prosser was held.

"He would not be the first person who sought to cast aspersions against prison officers", said Mr Bennett.

Mr Douglas Draycott, QC for the Crown, told the jury it was a very important case

Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, for the defence of Mr Smith, suggested three possibilities about the evidence of Mr Galvin. He said there was a chance that pressure had been exerted on Mr Galvin by other prisoners.

In February last year, when Mr Jackson first peared on a murder charge in the magistrates' court, Galvin was not called to give evidence. This was on the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Palmer said: "Galvin had been ignored by the prosecution. What better way to draw attention to himself than to say something new and dramatic? A third possibility is that Galvin is simply and utterly confused."

Mr Justice Skinner is expected to sum up today and the jury to consider its verdict tomorrow.

High hopes for salmon harvest in Thames

By Tony Samstag

The salmon of the Thames are coming home, and with any luck at all will spawn. The fisheries officers of the Thames Water Authority are confident that spring and summer this year will see a positive spate of 4-to-16 pounders thrashing their way upstream from the sea.

They are the early harvest of the £600,000 scheme, started three years ago, to bring salmon back to the newly cleansed waters of the Thames system after more than 150 years. Each year since 1979 the authority has been releasing 50,000 young parr; as smolts they have migrated to the sea, where they spend one to three years before undertaking the return journey. According to Mr Mike Bulleid, the Thames fisheries officer, the total of first returns this year will reach the hundreds.

Last month *Angler's Mail* reported the discovery of an adult male salmon carrying milt and weighing more than 4lb, in the river Misbourne, near Denham, Buckinghamshire, which is linked to the Thames by the river Colne. Markings identified it as one of the original yearling fish put into the Colne system in 1979, probably in a different tributary, the Chess.

It is the fourth marked fish to be found in the Thames system since the stocking, but the first to have approached a spawning area.

The water authority has applied to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for permission to build a fish path and trap at Molesey Weir, just above Hampton Court, to make the salmon census more accurate. Permission has been granted for the path, which is expected to be installed shortly; the trap is still under consideration.

Mr Bulleid said he would advise all fishermen that fishing is free on the Thames up to City Stone, at Staines; a fishing licence is required, however, as is permission from landowners where the river frontage is not publicly owned.

RAPIST JAILED FOR LIFE

A man aged 43, with a long record of sex offences was jailed for life yesterday for abducting and raping a college student.

Exeter crown court was told that Terrence Dinham had spent 19 of the last 20 years in jail for sex offences and was released only last July. He went to live with his mother in Musgrove Road, Taunton, Somerset. In October he set out in his van "with the urge to rape", persuaded a girl aged 18 to enter it, and threatened to murder her unless she succumbed.

On hearing his convictions Mr Justice Bristow said: "It is clearly unsafe for the unfortunate Mr Dinham to be at large"

Lightning kills man

Mr George Collins, aged 63, was killed by lightning yesterday while walking to work near Hollingbury golf course in Brighton, from his home near by at Denton Drive.

Prisoners locked up for 14 hours

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Staff at Gartree Prison, at Market Harborough, Leicestershire, are so worried about the possible recurrence of riots that they are undermining the prison's role, a report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons said yesterday.

To excercise strict control over the top security prisoners held there, officers are locking them up for 14 or 15 hours a day. Evening classes are cut to one evening a week and good work facilities are under-used.

There is "considerable resentment" among prisoners serving long sentences, the report says, and the original concept of a liberal regime within a secure perimeter has been undermined. The report says: "By their continued lack of self-confidence, the staff are creating a feeling that disruption is likely".

The medical officer thought there had been trafficking in cannabis and occasionally LSD, but it was now felt to be under control.

Referring to Gartree's "troubled history", the report says that disturbances and a serious riot in 1972 made the prison known by senior staff as one to be avoided. Another riot in 1978 almost destroyed the prison, and two of the four wings have been put out of action ever since.

The prison was still only half occupied at the time of inspection in June. Though C wing still requires much work, completion of D wing was mainly being held up by a ban by the Prison Officers' Association on occupation until a second means of access was provided.

HM Prison Gartree. Report by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons. (Home Office, London, £1.10).

Lord Jellicoe's new role

Out of the political wilderness

By Alan Hamilton

The appointment of Lord Jellicoe to head the review of the Prevention of Terrorism Act marks the end of nine years' penance in the political wilderness for the Conservative peer, a former Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords.

In 1973 Lord Jellicoe resigned from Mr Edward Heath's government after the call-girl scandal involving Lord Lambton. An inquiry exonerated Lord Jellicoe entirely from any possible breach of security in what was regarded at the time as his marginal involvement in a minor indiscretion.

When he resigned, his opposite number on the Labour benches in the Lords, Lord Shackleton, paid tribute to "an admirable, open-minded and wise colleague" who had fulfilled his role of Leader of the House "with immense thoroughness, patience and personal sensitivity".

Lord Jellicoe, now aged 64, is the son of the celebrated admiral of Jutland, and is a godson of King George V, he was a page at the coronation of King George VI in 1937. He had a distinguished war record in the Coldstream Guards and in commando operations in the Middle East, winning the DSO, MC, Legion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre.



Lord Jellicoe: An extrovert and hedonist

After the war he pursued a career in the diplomatic service, serving in Washington and Brussels and rising to deputy secretary general of the Baghdad Pact organization.

But he abandoned the service in 1956 because, it was said at the time, of matrimonial difficulties; his first wife initially refused him a divorce so that he could marry again, and he felt that his private circumstances had put paid to any further promotion, particularly in view of extensive newspaper publicity.

But in 1961 Mr Harold Macmillan made him a junior minister and he became Minister of Defence for the Navy shortly before the Conservative defeat in 1964.

Mr Heath appointed him to higher office during his government. As Minister responsible for the Civil Service Department, he organized some far-reaching and difficult changes in the Civil Service; after the miners' in 1973 and the three-day week, Mr Heath made him responsible for coordinating efforts to get Britain back on its feet.

After his resignation from the diplomatic service in 1956 he went to work for a City shipping firm and after his resignation from the Government in 1973 he returned to business life.

He is now chairman of Tate and Lyle, the sugar company, which has traditionally been in the forefront of the free enterprise movement. He is also a director of S. G. Warburg, Sotheby's, Smiths Industries and Morgan Crucible.

Colleagues describe Lord Jellicoe as an extrovert and a hedonist who has built his political and business careers on shrewdness ad insight. They describe him as not flamboyant, but honest and frank to the extent that he does not hide his weaknesses.

At the time of the Profumo scandal in 1963 he attacked the country at large for its "niggling, sneaking, smearing frame of mind". When he himself became mildly involved in a none-too-serious scandal, he felt obliged to resign instantly.

After eventually obtaining a divorce in 1966 he remarried Mrs Philippa Bridge. he has four children by his first marriage and three by his second.

Healey's inflation denial

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's deputy leader, said yesterday that there was no risk of inflation in the party's plans to get Britain back to full employment and to inject £9,000m into the economy.

Responding to Conservative criticism of the proposals, the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer described as "bunk" Conservative arguments that the jobs plan would lead to increased inflation and that the proposal to control imports would wreck Britain's trade and create more unemployment.

Mr Healey said that the £9,000m stimulus proposed by Mr Peter Shore, the shadow Chancellor, would add only £5,000m to public borrowing, because lower interest rates and a fall of half a million on the unemployment register would cut borrowing by £3,500m.

Next year's public sector borrowing requirement is projected at £9,500m, which would rise to £15,000m under Mr Healey's calculations.

Cash crisis in tax haven

From Our Correspondent, Douglas, Isle of Man

Members of the Man Parliament were told yesterday that the recession had caught up with the tax haven island, where an annual budget surplus is demanded under Manx law.

Dr Edgar Mann, the new Chancellor of the Manx Exchequer, told Tynwald, the Manx Parliament, that despite annual warnings from the Manx treasury, government expenditure had in the past few years risen by about £5m a year in real terms. At the same time, income from direct and indirect taxation had remained static.

The result, Dr Mann said, was that "the lines between income and expenditure are about to cross into revenue deficit". The medicine prescribed by the doctor and his fellow members of the Manx government finance board is likely to prove unpalatable both to colleagues in government and the public. Services such as health, education and social security virtually doubled in the boom years of the mid to late 1970s.

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PM to take part in disarmament conference

PM's QUESTIONS

The Prime Minister is to attend the special session of the United Nations on Disarmament in June, she said during questions.

Sir Russell Fairgrieve (West Aberdeenshire, C) said that there was support in Scotland for the United Kingdom decision to continue to maintain its own nuclear deterrent (Conservative cheers). Negotiations for disarmament are better conducted *from a position of military* strength than from military weakness.

Mrs *Margaret Thatcher*: *I agree.* This Government, like its predecessor of which Mr Foot and Mr Benn were both members, believes in keeping a nuclear deterrent as a safeguard to our strength. Also, it is better to *negotiate disarmament* from a position of strength.

We agreee that we need to *negotiate a disarmament position*, I hope to go to the UN Special session in New York in July, and to play a part.

Mr Thomas Urwin (Houghton-le-Spring, Lab): Will she analyse and read the press reports of yesterday and today about questions raised by the French on the development of European independent defence policy.

A Conservative MP: Run by the French.

Mr Urwin: Would she subscribe to M. Mitterand's belief that Western European Union provides a ready-made forum for development of such a policy?

Mrs Thatcher: We should be very wary before we have in Europe a scheme which applies only to Europe while we have Nato. That would not in the end unite the western world in defending its own interest but would hold the possibility of dividing us from our friends across the *Atlantic*, the ultimate guarantors of freedom.


Fairgrieve: Military strength


Urwin: Ready-made forum

Idle hands are getting into mischief

The present levels of unemployment were not a reason for the sharp increase in crime, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said at question time.

Earlier Mr Densbore Dover (Chorley, C) had pointed out that the key issue in the north-west was law and order. Would she break with tradition (he asked) and allow another debate on capital punishment in the lifetime of *this Parliament? (Conservative* cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: I quite understand *that law and order is foremost* in the public mind and for very good reasons. We have already had one debate on capital punishment. *I would have* considerable doubts whether another would have a different result. It *is a matter* for the Leader of the House (Mr Francis Pym).

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the *Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab):* Does she believe there is any connexion between the record rates of crime produced under her Government and the record rates of unemployment under her Government? (Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: No, not a direct relationship in any way, if one looks at the way the crime figures rose through periods of increasing prosperity and decreasing unemployment. They steadily rose. Street crimes of mugging are very much, for obvious reasons, in the centre *part of our cities and obviously* idle hands get into mischief. That is not a reason in my view for the very sharp increase in crime.

Mr Edward Gardner (South Fylde, C): Her Government's *policies of giving high priority* to law and order has now provided the police with the resources they need to meet the present crime wave. It would be timely if the police were to let it be known that they intend to make the fullest possible use of their new strength and that they will not be intimidated or deflected from their duties by any attempts to defame them as racists? (Conservative cheers)

Mrs Thatcher: *I fully agree. This* Government has increased the numbers of police by 8,000 in *England and Wales. They are* properly paid and equipped. There are people who try to undermine the police — those who try to brand them as racists. (Conservative cheers and Labour interruptions)

Varied pay for teachers favoured

EDUCATION

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, said that he is in sympathy with pay differentials for teachers so that teachers who are in short supply *for some* subjects are paid more than others.

He *told* ***Mr Kenneth Carlisle*** (Lincoln, C) that a working party of the Burnham committee was *studying* the whole area of salary structure, but there was no indication at present of general support for the concept of *differential pay for teachers of* certain subjects.

Mr Carlisle: Despite that disappointing answer, in *almost every* activity in this country there is a chance to reflect the skill demanded. It would be right in education to move to a system by which maths and physics teachers who are in short supply would be paid more than teachers in other subjects who are in over supply. It is necessary to do this *to* secure the right teaching in skills essential to our national future.

Sir Keith Joseph I am *sympathetic* to the general proposition postulated by him, and the Cockroft committee on mathematics teachers' pay recommended a defferential in their favour, recognising that the Government already has one in operation. I am studying this recommendation.

Mr David Madel (South Bedfordshire, C): In considering the future pay structure the Burnham *committee should see* whether teachers have been on in-service training courses or a retraining course.

Sir Keith Joseph: That is a good idea that should be taken into account. My representative on the Burnham committee is associated with the *proposals* for revised salary structures put *forward by the management side* of the working party. There are important questions still to be *settled*, such as *how the competence of teachers can best be* assessed.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Opposition spokesman on education (Bedwellty, Lab): When the Burnham committee meets on Thursday *will his representative* be free to support a reference to arbitration of the teachers' pay dispute?

Sir Keith Joseph: *I do not* think Mr Kinnock expects me to answer that question.

The three options for release of Walesa

From Roger Boyes Warsaw, March 16

Mr Lech Walesa, the interned Solidarity leader, is understood to be having talks with senior government officials over the next two days to discuss, among other things, conditions on which he will be allowed to attend the christening of his seventh child.

These talks run parallel to tentative contacts between Solidarity and the Government through intermediaries aimed at working out an agenda for future negotiations.

There is no way of confirming whether Mr Walesa has actually met the officials — other meetings in the past have been called off at the last minute — but a Solidarity aide emphasized that talks were scheduled for today and *tomorrow*.

The talks come at a time of growing pressure on the Government — especially from Archbishop Jozef Glemp, the Polish Primate — *to release.* Mr Walesa at least for one day to attend the ceremony. Mrs Danuta Walesa, his wife, has also appealed to General Jaruzelski, the Polish Leader, for her husband' *release. The appeal has* been broadcast into the country by Polish-language *radio stations abroad.*

The Government thus has some face to lose if it turns down the request for the temporary release of Mr Walesa, who is interned in a *palatial villa outside* Warsaw. As a stalling device, officials have told Mrs Walesa that *they have received no formal* request from either her or her husband.

The *Government appears* to be considering three options: allowing Mr Walesa to attend the ceremony on Sunday but under heavy police guard; transferring the ceremony at the last minute to Warsaw — and thus heading off any prepared demonstration — or for the same reason, pushing the ceremony forward to Thursday or Friday.

A fourth option of simply refusing permission to Mr Walesa seems to have been ruled out at present, because of the delicate state of contacts between Solidarity representatives and the Government.

However the Government's fear of unrest is a real one. Mr *Welesa's* presence in Gdansk — even under police guard — could have an *explosive effect in the birth*place off Solidarity. Moreover on Friday falls the *anniversary of* last year's incident in Bydgoszcz, when militiamen had beaten up *activists who had staged a sit*-in at the headquarters of the United Peasants' Party in support of farmers' *rights.* The authorities in Bydgoszcz have blocked off certain key thoughfares, in anticiaption of trouble.

Mr Stanislaw Ciosek, the Trade Union Minister, is due on Friday or Saturday to give his first press conference since the declaration of martial law three months ago, this suggests that the Government may have something concrete to announce about the immediate future of Mr Walesa.

Mr Ciosek has been the main contact with Mr Walesa on a ministerial level and despite official denials seems *to feel that Mr Walesa* and Solidarity should be brought into the current discussion *over the future shape of* trade unions.

The national commission effectively the executive of what remains of Solidarity met just over two weeks ago and reaffirmed the following three principles: talks with government should start as *soon as possible: all internees* should be freed and future trade unions should have a *regional* rather than industry-based structure.

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France unmoved by proposals to curb Soviet trade

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, March 16

The delegation headed by Mr James Buckley, the American Under-Secretary of State, which is touring West European capitals to discuss east-west trade and the application of sanctions on Russia over the imposition of martial law in Poland, received the same polite but non-commital welcome in Paris today that he received in Bonn.

M Claude Cheysson, the External Affairs Minister, and M Jean-Claude Paye, the head of the Economic Affairs Department of the Quai d'Orsay, merely took note of the suggestions that France should reduce state credits and government subsidized soft loans sharply in the future in exchange for American consent to the *Siberian* gas deal signed with Russia last January.

The American Administration has abandoned the idea of getting the French or West German Governments to go back on the financial conditions of the deal. French, state guaranteed credits have already been granted to Russia which cover about 85 per cent of the contract worth 4,500 million francs (£409m) for the provision of equipment for the gas pipeline, including compression and refrigeration stations and *telecommunications systems*, by three leading French companies. This represents more than 20 million man hours for French industry between now and the completion of the pipeline in the mid-1980's.

More recently, a group of French banks agreed to make available to Russia an additional loan of 500 million francs, so that the whole cost of contract is now covered although this last loan is not guaranteed by the state.

There was never any question of the French Government going back on the deal, for either economic or political reasons, in spite of considerable pressure *from* Washington and opposition criticism at home. Its argument has always been that France needed the Siberian gas, that it is part of a concerted policy of diversification of supply, and does not create a dependence on Soviet supplies which could endanger French security.

But the political argument is equally strong — that France is not at war with Russia, that trade must go on, and that the French Government is the sole judge of its acts in the context of East-West relations.

☐ **Bonn.** — Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, was quoted today in a newspaper as saying the time was not ripe for more Western sanctions against the Soviet Union (Reuter reports).

Measures already taken by the United States and its allies were a signal that the Western response would be much tougher if Moscow went any further than it had so far, he said in the West German daily *Süddeutsche Zeitung*.

"I am personally not in favour of taking more measures against the Soviet Union with the aim of bringing about a (Soviet) change of heart", he said.

"For one thing, one must keep things in reserve in case the situation worsens, and for another, I do not believe this is the right moment for further counter-measures."

☐ **Moscow.** — President Brezhnev said that the Soviet Union and its allies would not be hurt by Western trade sanctions applied over the *Polish crisis.*

Speaking to the Soviet trade union congress, he *suggested that* many of America's allies would suffer economically by aligning themselves with Washington-*inspired sanctions.* Many of America's allies were more dependent on foreign trade than Washington.

MP fails to make BR sell assets

TRANSPORT

Mr John Farr (Harborough, C) was refused leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the sale of the ancillary assets of British Railways. He introduced his British Railways (Divestment of Assets) Bill under the ten-minute rule, but it was rejected by 166 votes to 152, majority against, 14.

Mr Farr said he and his constituents had been exasperated by the recent Aslef strike which cost British Rail about £100m, made up of £75m revenue *losses and £25m payment* to non-Aslef staff. His constituents strongly objected to paying a single penny to the cost of this strike, especially as its purpose was solely devoted to preserving an out-of-date and archaic rostering system unchanged.

This legislation would require the disposal of their 26 railway *hotels* throughout the country and their 30 Sealink ships as soon as possible to the highest bidder. *The 13 railway workshops* which employed about 39,500 people should be sold. They were grouped together under British Railways Engineering and enjoyed a monopoly of BR business, but their export efforts had been meagre.

The Bill would enable private caterers to operate restaurant car *services and cafeterias in railway* stations.

It would also give a new lease of life to branch lines. The measure would set up a holding authority to take over one-third of 7,000 miles of track at once with a duty to dispose of these lines to local consortia of businessmen, local industrialists or *hotel and tourist interests.*

The lines would not necessarily be profitable but at least they would *serve* the local *public need* and with local knowledge, business acumen and enthusiasm, they would gain a new lease of life to the benefit and not the loss to BR, to whom they were at the moment a financial burden.

If his *Bill* was accepted, British Railways would be left with a much slimmed-down operation *and would be able to concentrate* their efforts on providing the nation with an efficient, inter-city network into the 1990s and beyond.

Mr Peter Snape (West Bromwich, East, Lab) opposing the Bill, said the idea of private management for British Rail's rural servicwes was fascinating *but there was a minor fly in the* ointment—who was going to buy them? What private enterprise company, if there were any left after the ravages of the present Government, would want to take on a loss-making business?

There had also been a suggestion of little consortiums of local authorities to take them oved and *yet the shire counties contributed* only £500,000 towards railway support in the current year, which was less than one tenth of one per cent of the total figure.

They would hardly be encouraged by the *Secretary of State* for the Environment to go in for even greater local government *expenditure. That was why it was* necessary for central government to retain control.

There were many branch lines which recovered less than a half or even a sixth of their expenditure from passenger income. *The Bill would close* many of these lines including some in Mr Farr's own constituency.

The properties owned by British Rail were assets which, carefully developed and disposed of at the right time and in the right conditions, could make a long-term contribution to railway *finance, but if their sale was* subject to blackmail and pressure this was unlikely to be the case.

On the suggested sale of British Rail workshops, he said the comment on their record of export orders was an insult to *hard working men in towns like* Swindon, York and Doncaster who had set an example to the world over railway exports.

If the Bill went through, who would be responsible for the sale of these national assets? Hardly *the Secretary of State* for Transport from whom one would be wary of buying a clapped out multiple diesel unit. The Bill was a nonsense.

House of Lords

The Civic Government (Scotland) Bill completed its remaining stages in the House of Lords. It deals with such matters as public order and the licensing functions of authorities in Scotland.

The Legal Aid Bill, which updated the law on legal aid and legal advice and assistance in criminal cases, and the Salmon Fisheries (Protection) (Scotland) Bill completed their committee stages.

Misgivings on anti-terror law

TERRORISM

Earl Jellicoe would undertake a review of the workings of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary *Provisions*) Act 1976, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, announced late on Monday night in a debate on the renewal of the Act for a further year.

At the end of the debate, MPs voted to extend the Act for a further year by 138 votes to 53 — Government majority, 85.

Labour backbenchers were advised by Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, to abstain on the order, but some declined to take the advice and voted against renewal.

Mr Whitelaw said the new inquiry, as in the case of the last review under Lord Shackleton in 1978, would be carried out by one man — Earl Jellicoe — and the evidence would be heard in private. The report would be published in full.

It was his firm belief that the renewal of the Act was necessary *and justified,* but he was *seeking* it on no routine way. He considered it in great detail. The IRA bombing campaign in London at the end of last year was the work of men who were prepared to murder and maim without compunction in the hope of advancing their case.

He understood the concerns of those who felt the Act made considerable inroads into civil liberties. The Act remained a temporary measure, subject to Parliamentary scrutiny every year.

Enough time had passed since Lord Shackleton's review to make a further review worthwhile. It would not focus on *whether* or not the Act *was* needed. Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern *Ireland, had agreed that the* review would deal with the operation of the Act in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Earl Jellicoe had accepted Mr Whitelaw's invitation to carry out the review and would report before the next time for renewal of the Act.

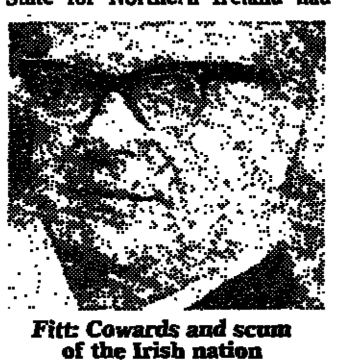
The review would consider all the *powers* that *the* Act contained and the use made of them since Lord Shackleton reported. It would also look into claims that the Act had been misused. The terms of reference would accept the continuing need for legislation against terrorism and would ask for an assessment of the Act with particular regard to *its effectiveness and its effect on* the liberties of the subject.

He, Mr Whitelaw, personally *considered every application* for exclusion orders under the Act. Since the 1974 Act came into force, 277 exclusion orders had been signed. The equivalent figure for last year was eight orders signed — a figure *considerably lower than in* earlier years' operations of the Act.

Since 1974, up to last March, 5,300 people had been detained in Great Britain under its provisions — 257 in the past year. This figure was the lowest of any year since the legislation was introduced.

Over the last year Mr Whitelaw or the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr George Younger, had granted 50 extensions of detention beyond 48 hours — by far the lowest number of any year since the Act came into force.

Last year the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland had granted 403 applications for extension beyond 48 hours. A substantial proportion of people were subsequently charged or excluded, and Mr Prior was satisfied that these powers were a great assistance to the Royal *Ulster Constabulary in their fight* against terrorism in Northern Ireland.


Fitt: Cowards and scum of the Irish nation

The police believed the powers were a vital weapon in their fight against terrorism. An example of the operation of the Act was in April 1981, when a routine check in the Glasgow sorting offices of the Post Office discovered two *parcels which were found* to contain arms and ammunition. After inquiries, 19 people were *arrested and detained under the* powers of the Act. That enabled further quantities of firearms, ammunition and detonators to be found.

Nine people were later charged and eight of them were found guilty and sentenced to periods of imprisonment ranging from four to 11 years. This operation *would not have been fully carried* out without the powers given by this legislation.

Such powers remained essential and this vital weapon must not be taken away from the police. The review would enable a decision to be taken on whether the powers were being operated as one would wish, with the *minimum inconvenience to innocent* members of the public, the least possible infringement of civil liberties and the most effective use against the evil men who used violence for political ends.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition slokesman on Home Affairs said he felt the deepest distaste for the Avt and the fact that it would be extended for another year.

The Act was wrong in principle, and a severe and *substantial infringement o civil* liberties. He was increasingly dubious about its net contribution to the campaign against terrorism and violence. it provided help of a sort to the security services, but he seriously questioned whether the assistance it provided matched the damage done *to the cause of* law and order in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland in *particular.*

It was consistently exploited by the enemies of law and order who continued to see the British Government behaving in a way contrary to the freedom that the Government claimed to protect.

Extension of the powers had to be taken wholly on trust, which was repugnant to democracy. The draconian powers were accepted y the Commons as temporary but had become more and more permanent. Repugnance had been felt for the Act on both sides of the Commons since Mr Roy Jenkins had introduced it.

As Parliamentarians and democrats they hated the Act but no *government hazed it enough* to get rid of it.

Only in the nost exceptional circumstances, such as the Birmingham pub bombings, which caused violent reactions, would continuation of the Act be justified. If roles were reversed tonight he did not vbelieve he sould be asking for renewal of *the Act. MPs were being asked* to vote for it blindfold.

Mr Gerard Fitt (Belfast West, *Socialist*); *opposing renewal, said* that he had just watched a television programme in which so-called soldiers — whom he regarded as cowards and the scum of the Irish nation — had boasted from the safety of the Irish republic about terrible acts they had committed in Northern Ireland.

It was well known that the Commons would debate the Act tonight and he had no doubt that *terrorist activities in Northern* Ireland that night were deliberately brought about because of this.

The IRA did not want this Act taken off the statute book. They thrived on this type of legislation. It affected ordinary people, and it did not lead to the diminution of terrorism.

He did not believe the Home Secretary went into every single exclusion order — it was on the recommendation of the police. This should be taken into consideration by the inquiry. Ordinary laws in the United Kingdom were *sufficient* to *deal* with terrorism — this Act was exactly what the IRA wanted.

Sex education a matter for parents

The sexual propaganda in schools of organizations like the Family Planning Association was considered by many people to be immoral and dangerous, **Mr John Stokes** (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said during questions. Parents should have the right to *take their children* away from schools if sex education was contrary to their philosophy, he said.

Mr Stokes had asked the Secretary of State for Education and Science if he was satisfied there were sufficient legal safeguards to enable a parent to withdraw his child from sex education if such education was contrary to that parent's philosophy.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, *Under-Secretary of State for Education:* we have made clear there should be the fullest consultation and cooperation between schools and parents about the way in which sex education is provided.

He accepted some of the material that had gone into schools would be repulsive to all *MPs. They had asked for some to* be taken out last year and were asking for more to be taken at this time.

In the 1980 Act, the Government had provided for every school to provide information as to the way sex education was taught inside schools. This must also be discussed with parents before being put into operation.

Mrs Renee Short (Wolverhampton, North-East, Lab): He should *reject* the Neanderthal attitude of Mr Stokes. Nobody denies this is a matter for parents, but if they are not willing or able to take on this duty, there should be properly structured help from teachers who are trained to do it.

Mr Boyson: *We do not increase* parents' responsibility by continually taking responsibility *away from them. It is basically* a responsibility of parents and the problem in schools is how do you teach sex education as something apart from a physical activity.

School records

The Secretary of State for Education and Science was considering the possibility of providing all school leavers with a written record of their *achievements,* ***Mr Rhodes Boyson,*** *Under Secretary of State for* Education and Science, said in a written reply. This would be whether or not the achievements included graded results in public examination.

I believe it would be helpful (he said) if such records offered an indication of proficiency in skills such as numeracy and literacy and the ability to communicate effectively.

Tape recording experiment to be extended

The experiment in Scotland into tape-recording of police questioning of suspects is to be extended to police stations in Glasgow and Aberdeen *from April this year,* ***Mr George Younger,*** Secretary of State for Scotland, said in a written answer.

The experiment, which started in Dundee and Falkirk in May 1980, would continue at least *until mid-1982. He said there had* been no insuperable technical difficulties but problems remained about bringing the tapes as evidence before the court and further clarification of the law was desirable.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. *Debates on* Opposition motions on cuts in higher education in Scotland and on NHS charges for *overseas* visitors. Lords (2.30): Debate on need for measures to stimulate industrial growth.

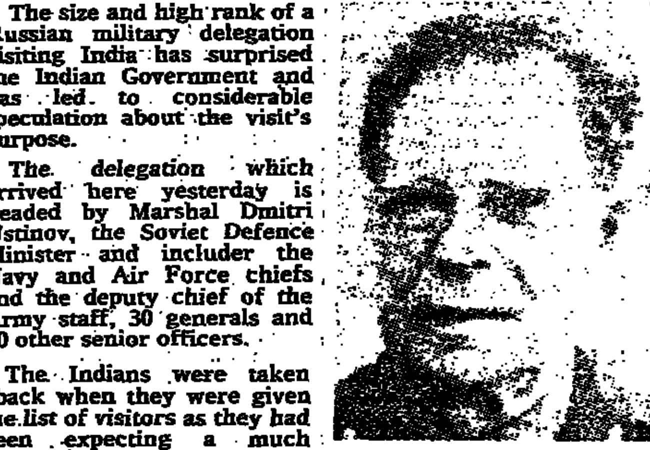
India startled by size of Ustinov delegation

From Trevor Fishlock, Delhi, March 16

The size and high rank of a Russian military delegation visiting India has surprised the Indian Government and has led to considerable speculation about the visit's purpose.

The *delegation* which arrived here yesterday is headed by Marshal Dmitri Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister and includer the Navy and Air Force chiefs and the deputy chief of the Army staff, 30 generals and 10 other senior officers.

The Indians were taken aback when they were given *the list of visitors as they had* been expecting a much smaller group. They have been at pains to say that no undue significance should be placed on the visit.


Ustinov: A message from Moscow

Although the Russians are the largest supplier if arms to India, and India's future needs are clearly a subject for discussion, there are *other reasons for the visit.* Against a background of disapproval for its actions in respect of Afganistan and Poland, the Russians are anxious to show the flag in a country with which they have a fairly good relationship.

However, for its part, India is trying to strike a balance between according the visit a status of importance while avoiding the impression that the relationship is warmer than it is.

It is assumed here that because President Brezhnev's *reign is in its final stage,* one purpose of the Russian visit is to give, and seek, assurances that there will be continuity in the relationship with India after the changes in the Soviet leadership.

During the six-day visit the Russians will be discussing the supply of MiG27 aircraft and T82 tanks. The Indians also *want* to build MiG23s in their own factories and they are anxious that the Russians *should speed up the supply* of spare parts, something of a sore point.

The Russian visit is by no means all work. After inspecting warships in Bombay, *Marshal* Ustinov and his team inspected the erotic temple *statues* at Khajuraho, in Madhya Pradesh. Tomorrow, they are due to see the Taj Mahal and a factory in Bangalore building MiGs and assembling British Jaguar strike aircraft.

Comfortable majority for Budget

LATE DEBATE

The main Budget resolution, amendment of the law, was carried at the end of the Budget *debate* on *Monday night by 311* votes to 269—Government majority, 42. The Government had comfortable majorities in four further divisions and the Finance Bill was brought in a read a first time.

During the later stage of the debate,

Mr Robert Sheldon, an opposition *spokesman* on Treasury and economic affairs (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab), said Mr Heath *was right when he said monetarism* was dead. The Government had now to restate its economic strategy.

A major new tax avoidance industry had grown upon the back of the abolition of exchange

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the policies and prescriptions of Mr Shore had been tested to destruction by the last Government.

Under Labour *the rise* in unemployment did not slacken during the years of high spending, but only from the time when the Government, on the insistance of the IMF, established a medium-term financial strategy with three key factors — establishment of monetary targets, reduction of public borrowing, and reduction of public expenditure.

The indications now pointed to improved employment prospects. Competitiveness had improved, and productivity had started to improve last year. Pay demands had moderated and the Budget measures coupled with the oil price fall should all help in the same direction.

More technical assistance would help UK firms

OVERSEAS AID

Increased technical assistance overseas could help this country by being used-to purchase British Equipment, **Mr Benjamin Ford** (Bradford, North, Lab) said in initiating a debate on overseas aid on the second reading of the *Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill.*

He said some of the increased technical assistance should be used to purchase British equipment. In his constituency there was an international harvester and tractor factory which had been suffering redundancies and *short-time* work for several years. Was that not scandalous when much of the world was crying out for increased food production?


Prentice: Trade spin-off

Mr Reginald Prentice (C) said that technical assistance was probably *the most* valuable *part* of the aid programme. There could be a trade spin-off from it. The case could not be proved by figures, but the aid programme as a whole and technical assistance in particular was right *on moral grounds and right in* terms of long-term self-interest.

Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West, Lab) said if there was one place that needed aid it was Somalia where Britain formerly administered the northern sector. He had never seen anywhere in Africa more destitution, *misery or distress* than existed in Somalia camps.

Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, *C) said that British technological* skills could provide the kind of satellite television *package* that third world countries were looking for. Educational and informative programmes could be brought into these countries.

Mr Frank McElhone, Opposition spokesman on overseas development (Glasgow, Queen's Park, Lab), said that there was deep concern about the 34 per cent drop in the number of overseas students coming to this country next year. That would have a substantial effect on university life and in the quality of universities. France and Russia were *snapping up* students from the Commonwealth.

Mr Neil Marten Minister for Overseas Development, said most people would like to spend more on aid, but *Britain had got to* get its economy right first and had to get growth going. The best form of aid it could give to the developing world was to increase trade by growth in Britain, which demanded that more *should* be *imported from them.*

Overseas students were largely a question of Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, but the Overseas Students Trust was looking at the whole matter and their report *should reasonably shortly* be available, when it would be considered by the Government.

The report should include some attempt to assess the extent to which there was a technical spin-off from education.

Under the aid *programme,* there were 14,000 foreign students in Britain in 1980 and a similar number this year.

Red Brigades trial is told of Bulgarian link

From Peter Nichols, Rome, March 16

Attempts by the Red Brigade terrorist movement in Italy to contact Bulgarian agents were revealed today in cross-examination at the Verona trial of alleged terrorists accused of the kidnapping of Brigadier-General James Dozier, the Nato officer rescued by police in Padua in January.

Signor Antonio Savasta, one of the principal accused, sketched for the court his version of the connexions between the extreme left-wing terrorists and the world outside Italy.

In just under two hours testimony he stated that earlier connexions with the Palestine Liberation Organization ended with the arrest *in April last year of Signor* Mario Moretti, one of the founders and most militant *figures in the Red* Brigades.

Signor Moretti, is one of the main accused in another *terrorism case alleged to* have international ramifications. This case concerns the kidnapping four years ago today of Aldo Moro, the former Prime Minister who was later murdered by his captors. Signor Moretti and others will be tried for this crime next month.

In the period between the kidnapping of Aldo Moro and the arrest of Signor Moretti, the Palestinians are alleged to have sent a substantial cargo of arms to the Red Brigades. After the contact was broken the terrorists, according to Signor Savasta's, asked him to establish relations with "liberation fronts" in Europe, particularly in the Mediterranean area.

The first offer they received came from Bulgaria. He said Loris Scricciolo, a Red Brigades activist who is also under arrest, made use of cousin to set up these contacts. The cousin, a trade unionist called Luigi Scricciolo, was recently arrested and charged with espionage. Signor Savasta said that the Bulgarians offered money and arms and then asked to be included in the plans to kidnap General Dozier, one *of the deputy chiefs of staff* at the Verona Nato base. The Red Brigades leadership *refused this offer* of cooperation.

☐ *Signor Savasta said he* had killed for the Red Brigade. *He* told the court that he had carried a *double* burden on his conscience, the killings in which he took part and the fate of Red Brigades colleagues he had denounced while in prison (Reuter reports).

NEW YORK BRACED FOR IRISH DAY

From Christopher Thomas New York, March 16

If all goes according to tradition, New York tomorrow will be awash with beer, on the St Patrick's Day jamboree. The police, who admit they are dreading the celebrations, will have 4,000 reinforcemebnts on duty.

The occasion has lost most of its cultural aspects: it is a day when everybody claims to be Irish and when tens of thousands of people, many youngsters, fill the bars.

None of the state schools is *giving a day off, but many* children will be absent. Roman Catholic schools are granting a day off, but not tomorrow.

Some of its schools are *putting on cultural* programmes to show that there is more to St Patrick's day *than packing into the city's* bars.

Sales of green paint have soared and many rivers throughout the country will flow green from bucketfuls of dye tossed in. By lunchtime tens of thousands of people from Texas to New York will be drunk, by mid-afternoon they will be brawling and by nightfall hundreds will be sleeping it off in jail. The man who drove snakes from Ireland would never have believed it.

Schmidt faces power test in Lower Saxony

From Patricia Clough, Brunswick, March 16

Looking fit and in a fighting mood, Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, plunged into the first of a series of political battles which could decide the future of the 12-year-old Social Democratic-Free Democratic coalition Government.

By this autumn, the most successful and popular Chancellor since Konrad Adenauer could well be out of a job. But not — came the clear message from the red-draped podium here — if he has anything to do with it.

Herr Schmidt arrived by helicopter to Lower Saxony to campaing in the first of four *Land* elections which could precipitate the smouldering crisis in his coalition in Bonn. A fifth test is the Social Democratic Party's (SPD) conference in Munich in April where the growing left wing is expected to put up a fight to stop the stationing of Nato medium-range in West Germany. If it succeeds, the Chancellor will resign and the coalition will break up.

The Chancellor, all his Cabinet ministers, his state secretaries and his whole party executive are campaigning in Lower Saxony to try to slow down, at least, the breakneck dawnhill slide of the fractious and disilusioned SPD. Its troubles are hampering Herr Schmidt's ability to govern in Bonn and undermining his prestige in the world.

Speaking to an audience of more than 3,000 in Brunswick's Municipal Hall, the Chancellor concedes that this is a difficult year, difficult to maintain a well-considered foreign policy, and difficult economically. But West Germany is still better off than all the other countries in Nato, and there is confidence in its economy abroad — after all why do rich Arabs invest their money in Frankfurt at 9.5 per cent interest instead of the 16 per cent they could net in New York? "Our voice counts for something in the world."

He reaps warm applause as he speaks proudly of his independence from the United States. "We are not identical twins", the American high interest rates are "idiotic", he "does not go along with" much of what is happening in Central America. Trade with the Soviet Union helps peace and employment and "we are not going to let it be wrecked".

He swells with anger at whistles and boos when he mentions the Nato misssile policy. "The fact that the Soviet Union has changed its mind and is negotiating in Geneva is entirely due to West German policy," he shouts.

Hitting out at his party's left wing he tells the blue and white collar workers — the SDP traditional voters — that they must remain the heart of the party and not let themselves be "talked into a corner" by left-wing intellectuals.

Then the Chancellor, who had a heart pacemaker inserted a few months ago, jumps down from the platform to greet old party friends. Later, at a beer and schnapps session with party workers, he fools about merrily for a photographer, flexing his biceps and thumping comrades on the chest.

Clearly, the Chancellor appears in good shape. But his party and coalition on which his power rests is not. Internal dissent, two big scandals involving Cabinet ministers and trade unionists close to the SPD, and ever more bitter fights with the Free Democrats (FDP) over policy are taking their toll.

There is a growing feeling in Bonn that the end may come this year instead of at the next election in 1984. Hints, rumours and press reports are circulating that the FDP which holds the balance of power is preparing to switch to a coalition with the opposition Christian Democrats.

But they need a clear reason — one could be a victory of the left at the Munich congress, another could be if the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) wrests Hessen from the SDP and FDP in the October elections. This would be taken as a signal of the bankruptcy of the coalition in Bonn and would give the CDU a two-third majority in the Bundesrat, the Upper House, with which it could stop all legislation.

The results of the poll on Sunday in Lower Saxony will be less dramatic but could be a bad blow for the SPD, at present in the opposition in that *Land* with 42.6 per cent of the vote. The local party will be happy if it could scrape up 40 per cent, but privately many fear that they will more likely be in the low thirties.

They had a grim foretaste last week in municipal elections in Schleswig-Holstein where the SDP lost six percentage points. Their traditional voters stayed at home in disgust and younger people drifted away to the ecological "Greens". The SDP's main effort in Lower Saxony now is to get people out to vote.

The Free Democrats who were catapulted out of the *Land* Parliament in 1978 are likely to return and form a coaliltion with the CDU. Curiously, this would suit the Social Democrats because the Free Democrats have made it a condition that the future Lower Saxony Government should not use its vote in the Bundesrat to stop an increase in Value-added tax which the Government needs to finance its job-creation plans in Bonn.

The election is important for the future of Herr Ernst Albrecht, the clever, charismatic, ambitious Prime Minister who runs Lower Saxony rather like a private kingdom. Herr Albrecht, who is 51, is one of the main rivals for the post of future CDU Chancellor. If he loses votes, as he may well do, this would mean the end of his hopes in Bonn.

Turkey admits jail torture deaths

Ankara, March 16. — The Turkish Government acknowledged today that at least 15 people imprisoned in connextion with political terrorist activities had died in jail after being tortured, since the military takeover 18 months ago.

Mr Ilhan Oztrak, the government spokesman made the disclosure in reply to Amnesty International that 70 prisoners had been tortured to death in Turkey.

The Amnesty list was delivered to the Turkish Embassy in London last January. It updated an earlier list of 62 people made public last autumn by the London-based human rights organization.

Mr Oztrak said an investigation into the fate of 49 people included in the Amnesty list was concluded and a similar inquiry was continuing about the others.

He said that 15 of these people had indeed died after being tortured — AP.



Not Cricket: Students disrupting the Durban anti-tour meeting.

Whites fight blacks over cricket

From John Woodcock, Durban, March 16

Violence errupted today at a lunchtime meeting held at Natal University which Mr Hassan Howa, the president of the South African Cricket Board, the breakaway organization whose members are mainly Cape Coloureds, was addressing.

The meeting had been organized by the Students' Representing Councils of three local universities. Many others were also attracted to the meeting by the sound of mounting disorder and there must have been 1,000 people present by the time the heckling turned to fighting. The majority of non-whites were wearing stickers with the slogan "We Reject Racist Tours".

It looked as though a small band of mostly white students, from one of the halls of residence, had descended on the meeting to break it up. Eventually they were put to flight by non-whites, who wielded chairlegs as truncheons. it was an ugly imbroglio, which should , in the words of the president of the Students' Representative Councils, "reaffirm our fight for democracy".

Mr Howa said that in a long experience of addressing public meetings he had known nothing like this.

Women block streets in abortion protest

From Harry Debelius, Madrid, March 16

Demonstration and sit-ins by women in at least three Spanish cities accompanied the opening in Bilbao today of a controversial trial of 10 women and one man charged with violating legislation of abortion. The trial had been twice postponed.

Señora Julia Garcia Navarro, a former shopkeeper from Basauri, near Bilbao, faces a sentence of up to 60 years. She is alleged to have carried out abortions for fees ranging from 800 to 5,000 pesetas (£4.28 to £26.74). Her daughter, who was a minor at the time of the alleged offences, is accused of assisting her. She faces up to 55 years.

Only nine of the women were present when the trial began. One, believed to have left the country, is being tried in absentia.

The Spanish Communist Party said in Madrid today that it would seek a free pardon for any of the 11 defendants who are convicted, and it called for a prompt debate of a proposal to legalize the voluntary interruption of pregnancy, to substitute for current legislation, which prohibits all abortions.

The Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, the main parliamentary opposition, published a statement calling for new legislation "to make abortion no longer a punishable offence and to assure maximum levels of medical attention for women."

The trial began with the interrogation of Sēnora Garcia Navarro, accused of 34 abortion operations prior to October, 1976, when she and other defendants were arrested. She told the court she had carried out only one abortion.

In Barcelona, 150 women and 50 men blocked traffic by sitting down in front of the Palace of Justice. At midday, they marched to the headquarters of the Generalitat, the Catalan regional government, where police dispersed them.

CHALLENGE OF EEC TO BRITAIN

By Our Foreign Staff

To opt out of the European Community would be an admission of defeat in coming to terms with the modern world. Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the Vice-President of the European Commission, said in Sheffield last night.

Delivering the annual *Morning Telegraph* lecture in the city, he said that the Community had given Britain both the challenge to tackle the uncomfortable and sometimes painful process of change and adaptation and the opportunity to do this in a framework able to take account of Britain's special strenghts.

The Labour Party's proposal to opt out of the EEC and retreat behind a barrage of import controls would mean the protection of old and uncompetitive industries at the expense of those which were modern, technologically advanced and offered hope for the future, he said.

Letter from Moscow

The play's the thing for Soviet youth

Soviet theatre is enjoying a remarkable boom. It is almost impossible to find a free seat in any Moscow theatre nowadays, and if you are lucky enough to have a ticket for a performance at the Taganka, where plays stretch the limits of official approval, or to a rock-opera or even to a decent production of Shakespeare, you have to jostle through the crowd of hopefuls who mill round the door before each performance demanding "any spare tickets?"

A young generation of imaginative actors and innovative directors has made the theatre the most dynamic of the Soviet arts. And not only in the capital do productions play to full houses: theatres in Georgia and Estonia vigorously uphold local language and culture and have established reputations beyond their small republics — the *Rustaveli theatre from Tbilisi* has played Brecht in Berlin, Shakespeare in London to critical acclaim.

It is not simply that theatres are warm, comfortable and cheap and one of a few public diversions on long winter nights; nor that they are fashionable places to be seen where it is now modish to dress up in furs or Levis and display your jewels; nor simply that all the would-be intellectuals gather to find what their friends and rivals are up to. As well as all this there is a genuine intellectual curiosity among Soviet youth and a public thirst for discussion of real issues free from propaganda.

Theatres respond to this demand. There are of course the obligatory plays on the life of Lenin and other worthy themes. A new one, entitled *Thus we will be Victorious* has just opened at the Moscow Arts Theatre, and President Brezhnev and virtually all the members of the Politburo have just been along to see it. There are also plays that stir controversy, satirizing bureaucrats, depicting the wheeling and dealing of daily life, loneliness in big cities, family problems, village values. Some only just scrape past the censor; the late Yuri Trifonov's chilling *House on the Embankment* is a document of betrayal and cowardice during the Stalin purges, and as neighbours in the house denounce each other, I wondered what kind of frission ran through the white-haired citizens in the audience who had themselves spoken the same words 45 years ago.

Controversial plays are the hallmark of Yuri Lyubimov, the liberal director of the Taganka who is even now locked in struggle with the authorities over plans to stage a life of Vysotsky, the balladier whose death two years ago has given rise to an extraordinary cult. But the Taganka is small and acts as an authorized safety valve. In the bigger theatres playwrights and directors resort to nuances to express forbidden judgments, and in keeping with long Russian tradition even Gogol, Bulgakov and other classics are staged to make devastating comments on society today. Of course the censors suspect it, the critics wisely ignore it, and the audience is left to guess whether the cardinal in de Musset's *Lorenzaccio* is really intended as a portrait of Suslov.

Almost all theatres are repertory: sometimes eight productions run concurrently, and there can be extremely long runs. If you missed Richard III at the Vakhtangova five years ago, don't worry - it's still on and still good. Ironically this has led to restlessness among directors and actors themselves - they cannot try anything new while people still clamour to see what is running.

Productions are lavish as state funds are plentiful, and stage design is sometimes strikingly modern. Many of the best Soviet artists find a freedom in theatre design not readily granted to the more ideologically restricted arts of painting and drawing.

Of course, the theatre's popularity has made tickets as hard to come by as car spares, classic books or decent spectacles, and, like all these, are valuable commodities to trade on the black market or offer as favours.

Perhaps some of the best drama is found in the thriving unofficial - but not underground - experimental and youth theatres that play in clubs, pioneer palaces and converted basements of blocks of flats. Students in jeans and sweaters pour in, always more than capacity, and sit cross-legged around the small stage. It gives the performance intimacy and intensity, but does create an alarming fire-risk.

Michael Binyon

Nicaragua state of emergency blamed on US

Managua, March 16. — Nicaragua declared a 30-day state of emergency last night, accusing the United States of backing an alleged plan to undermine the country's left-wing Government. The move came 24 hours after two bridges were blown up in the north of the country.

In a broadcast, Commander Daniel Ortega, coordinator of the ruling junta, announced the decree, suspending constitutional rights and guarantees adopted by the Sandinista Government on August 21, 1979, just two days after it toppled the right-wing regime of Somoza.

The decree claimed that secret plans had been hatched by the American secret services in league with exiled counter-revolutionaries based in Miami and Honduras. The plans were designed to "destroy our productive system and economic infrastructure in preparation for an escalation of military attacks".

The decree alleged that money was being channelled to "counter-revolutionary bands, to military groups coming from certain nations of Latin America and political and labour associations inside Nicaragua to take part in acts of economic and political destabilization and to prepare the climate for armed aggression". This coincided with the sinister plan that has been already approved by the Government of the United States, the decree claimed.

The Nicaraguan Government also suspended all radio news broadcasts and imposed censorship on the press.

Observers here said the state of emergency had been motivated by the Nicaraguan Government's increasing concern over the "interventionists" American policies in Central America. — Reuter and AFP.

☐ Washington: Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, has discussed with Senor Jorge Castaneda his Mexican Counterpart, A five-point American plan for settling problems with Nicaragua on El Salvador.

(Moshin Ali writes). Mexico has already drawn on the American suggestions in making its own recent proposals for a settlement of the Central American crisis, according to Mr Haig.

He said he had discussed his specific proposals with Senor Castaneda in New York on Sunday and indicated that they could be the basis for a settlment with Nicaragua.

Washington accuses Nicaragua of helping, with Cuban and Soviet aid, the guerrillas fighting in El Salvador against the American-backed Government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

Yesterday, Mr Haig made public details of the American proposals, which were put to Nicaragua in August and December, but were not accepted.

The five points of the American proposals are:

1. An offer of a bilateral non-aggression commitment through "mutual high level reassertion" of the Rio treaty engagements.

The 1947 inter-American Rio treaty of reciprocal assistance was signed by all countries of the hemisphere except Nicaragua, Ecuador and Canada. The signatories undertook not to use force on the American continent without unanimous consent.

2. A political commitment by Washington which would, through the United States Neutrality Act, prevent certain anti-government activities by Nicaraguan exiles in the United States.

3. A regional undertaking not to import heavy offensive weapons and to reduce the number of foreign military and security advisers to a reasonable low level.

4. A proposal to the Congress for renewed American aid to Nicaragua.

5. Nicaraguans should get out of El Salvador. They should wind up their command and control the logistics, including weapons, ammunition and training camps.

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Guilty von Bulow smiles to crowds

From Adam Edwards, Newport, Rhode Island, March 16

The demeanor of Claus von Bulow, smiling to the cheering crowd outside the red brick court gave no clue that 10 minutes earlier he had just been found guilty on two counts of trying to murder his wife.

Yet, unless an appeal succeeds, he will exchange the luxury of his Newport mansion and fine Fifth Avenue Manhattan apartment for the adult correctional institute at Cranston, a fortified gothic monstrosity 30 miles from this pretty Atlantic seaport.

"It is the difference between Heaven and hell" Mr Jim O'Brien, a former Rhode Island assistant attorney general said. "There are rats running around. It is damp and bitterly cold in the winter and hellishly hot in the summer. It has been ruled unfit for human habitation".

Claus von Bulow, a former London barrister and aide to John Paul Getty, the late oil millionaire, was on trial on two charges of assault with intent to commit murder of his extremely wealthy wife by poisoning her with insulin injections on December 27, 1979, and December 21, 1980.

His wife Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, has been in an irreversible coma, in a foetal position for almost 15 months. Her room and medical care in a New York hospital cost more than £500 a day. The fresh flowers that she loved are changed regularly as there is the faintest chance she can see and smell.

The cast of characters assembled 65 days ago in a bitterly cold Newport, a town circled by eclectic collection of European Mansions, including Clarendon Court the von Bulows' holiday home.

The evidence was complicated. The prosecution had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt how von Bulow tried to kill his wife, and his motive for doing so.

The prosecution spent four weeks building its case on circumstantial evidence based on a black washbag containing a hypodermic syringe with traces of insulin found in a cupboard in von Bulow's private study.

That discovery was 13 months after the first suspicions were raised about the urbane von Bulow and his charming English manner. Miss Maria Schrallhammer, Mrs von Bulow's devoted maid for 23 years, could not believe that on December 27, 1979, her mistress lay motionless in a coma in her Clarendon Court bedroom and her husband refused to call a doctor for nine hours.

"I thought she would die any second. She was rattling. He would not help me so I picked her up in my arms and I was holding her until the doctor arrived." she said. His cold indifference was so suspicious that she began to spy on the master of the house. Two months later she discovered a black washbag containing pills and syringes belonging to von Bulow. She made a note of it.

The following year on December 19, 1980, Miss Schrallhammer, who was told by von Bulow not to accompany the family to Clarendon Court, saw the black bag again in a canvas bag belonging to the defendant. On that occasion it contained pills, needles and a bottle of insulin. Two days later Mrs von Bulow was found in a coma on her cold marble bathroom floor. She has never recovered.

Miss Schrallhammer had told Prince Alex von Auersperg and his sister Princess Annie-Laurie, Mrs von Bulow's children by her first marriage of her fears a month after the final coma. The son hired a private detective and went to search the mansion. In his step-father's cupboard he found the black bag with a needle containing traces of insulin. There was no sign of the bottle of insulin.

A battery of doctors proved that it was injected insulin that caused Mrs von Bulow's comas. Insulin was poisonous to the heiress becaause she suffered from hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar).

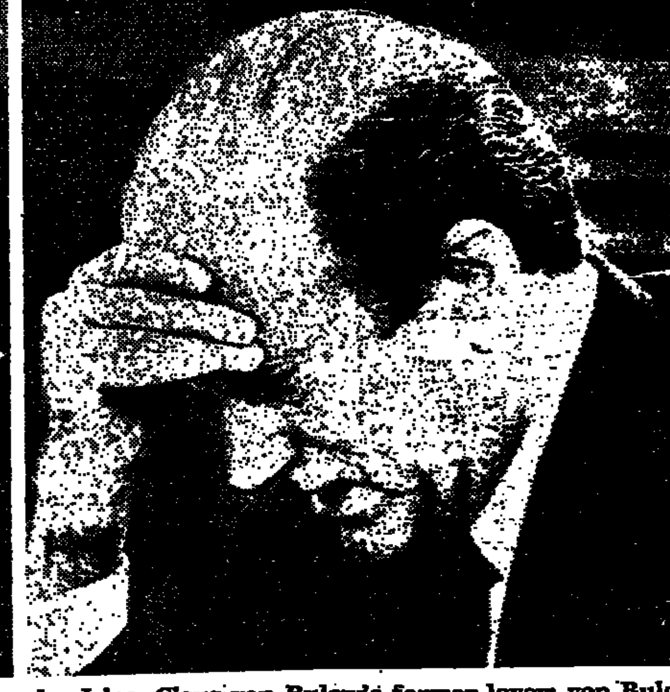
The motive for this silken crime was summed up by Mr Stephen Famiglietti, the young prosecutor: "He wanted to live splendidly, lavishly with the woman he loved on the wealth of his wife."

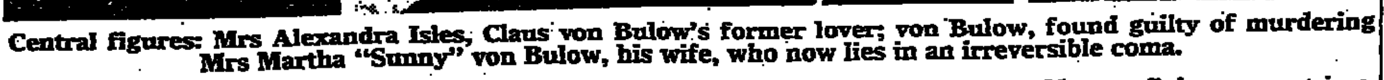
The wealth was a $14m (£7.75m) inheritance. The woman was a former Mrs. Alexandra Isles, soap opera actress and Manhattan socialite.

In her testimony as a prosecution witness Mrs Iles told the jury that she had given von Bulow an ultimatum nine months before the first murder attempt that she would leave him if he did not divorce his wife within six months.

His counsel tried two lines of defence. The first was that Mrs von Bulow was not in a insulin coma but that it was self-induced by an overdose of drugs and alcohol. The second line was that, if the coma was caused by insulin, Mrs von Bulow secretly injected herself to lose weight. But despite the arguments of Mr Herald Price Fahringer, the suave silver haired senior defence lawyer, his strongest witnesses, who implied the American heiress injected herself with insulin and wanted to kill herself, both were discredited as liars.







Central figures: Mrs Alexandra Isles, Claus von Bulow's former lover; von Bulow, found guilty of murdering Mrs Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, his wife, who now lies in an irreversible coma.





Suspicions aroused: Prince Alexander von Auersperg, Mrs von Bulow's son; his sister, Mrs Annie-Laurie Kheissel and her husband; and Miss Maria Schrallhammer, the maid who raised the alarm.

Chile bars Nobel peace activist

Santiago, March 15. — Señor Adolfo Perez Esquivel, the Argentine human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner. was refused entry into Chile today and put on an aircraft for home shortly after arriving at Santiago, a human rights group said.

Members of the Chilean Peace and Justice Service who were awaiting the 1980 Nobel laureate with priests and other human rights groups said Señor Esquivel left for Buenos Aires four hours after landing.

The Ministry of the Interior said in a statement that he was refused entry because on previous visits to Chile he had taken part in events and made remarks which constituted an intervention in the country's internal affairs. He was due to visit two Peace and Justice members jailed last November on charges of belonging to an allegal left-wing Christian party.

Señor Esquivel has been active in his home country in calling on the military government to account for the thousands of people who disappeared in the drive against guerrillas in the 1970s.

He has also attacked human rights abuses in other Latin American countries. Last year an aircraft taking him to Paraguay was refused permission to land and had to return to Argentina.

☐ Mexico City: Guerrillas in Guatemala said last night that they were starting a battle to oust the president-elect, General Anibal Guevara.

A statement by the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Untiy, a recently-formed eoalition of guerrilla groups, said General Guevara had been impossed on the people after a farcical election. He would represent only a continuation of General Romeo Lucas Garcia's administration.

Guerrilla sources said the statement, which also announced the start of a battle to defeat American intervention, was issued simultaneously in Guatemala City.

☐ San Salvador: Guerrillas who attacked several targets in and around San Salvador were repulsed after heavy fighting, a military spokesman said.

He said at least 12 guerrillas were killed in ighting in the northern suburb of Mejicanos and the nearby town of Cuscatancingo. No military casualties were officially reported, but witnesses said they saw two soldiers killed.

During the fighting in Cuscatancingo about 300 children were trapped by gunfire in a primary school. "We cowered on the floor for hours until help finally came," a teacher said.

Military saurces said yesterday's show of strength by the guerrillas was an attempt to wreck elections scheduled for March 28.

The United States, which is supporting the junta with economic and military aid, has repeatedly accused Cuba and the Soviet Union of helping Nicaragua to support the Salvadorean guerrillas.

The junta sees the constituent asssembly elections as a first step in ending two years of civil war in which more than 30,000 people have been killed.

Farm price warning by French

From Ian Muray
Brussels, March 16

A clear hint that France was not prepared to allow Britain to hold up farm price increases until an EEC budget compromise was reached came today from Mme Edith Cresson, the French Agricultural Minister.

Mme Cresson was in an uncompromising mood as far as Britain's objections to a 9 per cent increase on farm prices was concerned. In the current meeting of agriculture ministers here she is pressing the case for a 14 per cent increase.

Although she was looking for unanimous agreement, she said, Britain could not be allowed to hold things up forever. If every other country was satisfied there would come a time when Britain could not be allowed to block a settlement.

Mme Cresson, who had just had what she described as a friendly lunch with Mr Peter Walker, the British Agricultural Minister, said that he appeared to be opposed to everything which Britain did not grow.

Asked what would happen about Britain's contribution to the EEC budget, Mem Cresson said pooitedly that there would be no possibility of a repeat performance of what had happened in 1980 when Britain had blocked a farm price increase until it won a satisfactory budget settlement.

Mubarak's visit to Israel is on again

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, March 16

With less than six weeks to go until Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai, new efforts were being made today to heal the rift which has developed with Egypt over arrangements for the first official visit to Israel of President Mubarak.

At the same time, a new diplomatic framework has been agreed which will enable Egyptian and Israeli foreign ministers to meet regularly four times a year to discuss joint problems after the April 26 Sinai handover. No date for the first meeting has yet been set.

After nearly two hours of talks in Jerusalem between Mr Kamal Hassan Ali confidently assured reporters that the controversial visit by President Muvarak would now take place. But he declined to give a date or to say whether Jerusalem would be included in the itinerary.

For the past few weeks Egypt and Israel have been under heavy American pressure to try to reach a compromise over the visit. The dispute berween the two Middle East countries worsened after the Israeli Cabinet refused to issue any invitation for a visit from Mr Mubarak which did not include Jerusalem.

Today Mr Als spoke of "very friendly and cordial" talks with Mr Begin. The Egyptian minister revaled that Mr Mubarak's willingness to make his first visit to Israel had been included in a personal message from the Egyptian leader which Mr Ali had handed to Mr Begin. Mr Ali added that Mr Begin had "extended or reextended" the invitation for Mr Mubarak to come to Israel.

Mr Ali was asked by reporters whether Jerusalem would be included in such a visit. "Well, I thing this will be discussed later", he replied. He was pressed to say whether that meant that the crucial visit was on or off. "It will be on", he emphasized, saying that the date would be decided later.

Mr Ali also claimed that Egypt and Israel had ahreed to give new momentum to the deadlocked talks on Palestinian autonomy but gave no details how this could be achieved.

The agreenment about the framework for regular meetings at foreign minister level emerged later during talks between Mr Ali and his Israeli counterpart, Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

More Israeli-Egyptian discussions are expected soon in a further effort to solve outstanding differences over the demarcation of the Sinai border. Israeli sources hinted tonight that the broad. outlines of an agreement had begun to take shape during this week's talks.

Carrington sees no Nato crisis

By David Cross

Although there had been differences of approach and emphasis on international problems between the United States and European allies in recent months, there was no crisis in the Western alliance, Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, said last night.

Lord Carrington, who was speaking to the American Chamber of Commerce in London, made it clear that he thought the time had come for the alliance to stop examining its navel. "We should remember that the health of even the strongest patient is not improved by regular exploratory surgery," he said.

It was inevitable that there had been differences, "not just transatlantic ones, but differences reflecting the geographical, political and economic diversity of the alliance," he said. "It would be stranger still if there had not been. A free and equal alliance including the majority of the most powerful economies in the world does not emulate the clockwork chorus of the Warsaw Pact."

"It would be foolish to expect in Nato the total coincidence of views which few of us can achieve even within our own national parliaments and public opinion," Lord Carrington said. "The more nearly the problems we face touch the vital interests of individual members, the harder we shall have to work to harmonize our views and our actions.

"And the more we shall need to listen to each other, and to go on doing everything we can to understand one another's perspectives and concern. Meanwhile, we must not mistake diversity for divergence, or undervalue the strong partnership we have by comparison with an idyllic and largely mythical past."

☐ Mrs Thatcher gave a clear indication yesterday in the Commons that the British Government is not willing to back President Mitterrand's recently-floated proposal that Western Europe should develop a more independent line on defence (George Clark writes).

The Prime Minister was replying to Mr Tom Urwin, Labour MP for Houghton-le-Spring, who asked her to comment on reports that the French Government had raised the question of creating an independent European defence force and M Mitterrand's suggestion that the Western European Union provided a ready made forum for the development of such a policy.

Mrs Thatcher said: "I think we should be very wary bevore we have in Europe a scheme which applies only to Europe while at the same time we have Nato.

"That would not in the end unite the Western world in defending its own intere...

Brezhnev urges union vigilance

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, March 16

President Brezhnev, in his first important speech for over a year, told Soviet trade union delegates meeting in the Kremlin for their five-yearly congress that they should take a tough stand against any infringements of Soviet labour laws.

He said there was still a need for unions in a communist society, and they had to ensure that not only were their 130 million members protected against violaions by individuals or official bodies, but that such incidents could not arise. Managers should no longer be able to treat workers with conceit or indifference as some still did.

Echoing widespread official criticism that Soviet trade unions were too passive — an important issue here since the Polish crisis — the Soviet leader attacked their officials for getting tied up in red tape and shutting themselves away in their offices.

"The main thing is for trade union functionaries to spend more time in the midst of people and less time on paper work, to rely more solidly on union activists, on resourceful and energetic rank-and-file union members", he said.

He referred obliquely to the Polish crisis by saying that the enemies of socialism — whom he indentified as the bourgeoisie, reformists and revisionist — had put their hopes on tearing the unions away from communist parties, and were putting around a theory of trade union neutrality.

But behind this lay attempts to make the unions follow bourgeois policy and betray the working class. He declared that Soviet trade unions worked hand in hand with the party and the state, and the Russians would not allow anyone to shake this unity.

He spoke for an hour, but because of uncertainties over his health, television did not carry his speech live. He was joined on the podium by all members of the Politburo except Mr Andrei Kirilenko, whose absence from important state functions in the past two seeks has fuelled speculation that his political position is slipping.

Mr Brezhnev also spoke at length about foreign policy, and about the emergency food programme which is to be discussed at a special party plenium in the next few weeks.

He told the 5,050 delegates and foreign guests that the party was well aware of the difficult food situation and was doing all it could to improve it. he called on the unions to help improve food storrage and prevent losses and do all they could...

Guatemala: Rich have not yet given up struggle

From Paul Ellman
Guatemala City

Guatemala has yet to generate the political and diplomatic attention that has focused on its neighbour, El Salvador, despite the flurry of interest generated by recent elections.

Politicians in Washington and elsewhere agonized over whether El Salvador is about to become another Vietnam; but Guatemala, in a sense, has become the Cambodia of Central America, a sideshow in terms of direct United Stated involvement.

Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, predicted recently that the conflict in Guatemala could be expected to assume the dimensions of the fighting in El Salvador in a matter of months, if not weeks.

There are stark contrasts between the two countries. The Porsches, Mercedes and BMW's that parade down the boulevards of Guatemala City show that the rich have not yet given up the struggle to the extent that they have in San Salvador, barely 30 minutes away by air, where the upper classes have disappeared, returning only occaonally from their refugees in Miami to check on their business interests.



Guevara: The Army stays at the top.

At night Guatemala City loses its surface appearance of sun-splashed mormality. Political violence, much of it between factions of the ruling Right, has made it too dangerous to risk f Many of those who have stayed on, despite the growming strength of the guerrillas fighting against the Government, are expected to leave as a result of the decision by the military to etain the political staus quo and have another general, in this case Angel Anibal Guevara Rodriguez, as President of the Republic for the next four years.

"That's it. I,m definitely pulling out" one local businessman said hen he heard that the Guatemalan Congress had voted on Saturday night to accept the result of the highly conested election and name General Guevara head of state in succession to General Tomeo Lucas Garcia.

Although General Guevara, to the undisguised mirth of many Guatemalans, has said his Government will be "Centre-Left", little is known of what he plans to do with his power, except press ahead with the war against the guerrillas.

One joke doing the rounds here had it that when President Lucas was informed that General Guevara had been chosen by the rest of the military as his successor, he replied: "How can that be? He's more Brutish than I am".

The decision to put another general in charge of the Government showed that the military have turned a deaf ear to pleas from the United States to face up to the increasing gravity of the event's in Guatemala which, more than any of the other Central American states threatened by left-wing insurgents, is seen as the strategic lynchpin of the whole region.

With its population of 7.2 million, Guatemala borders on four other states, including Mexico, the world's fourth largest oil producer.

Mexico's oil fields, which lie close to the southern border with Guatemala, are seen in many quarters in Washington as the ultimate target of what is alleged to be a coordinated plan by the Soviet Union and Cuba to subvert the whole of Central America.

Guatemala is much wealthier than the other states said to be threatened by this subversion, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. It has its own oil deposits, as yet scarcely developed, as well as a wide range of mineral and agricultural riches.

Oil may be the key to the decision by the generals not to relinquish power to civilians. According to highly reliable sources in Guatemala City, when the military leadership learnt that the country's reserves might be as much as 2,000 million barrels, they quietly went about buying the land under which the oil deposits lay.

The cut-off of United States aid in 1977 by President Carter's Administration after the generals refused to act to improve the human rights situation here left a gap that Guatemala was able to fill by buying weapons from Israel and Argentina. It is estimated that $89m (about £48m) worth of arms was bought from the two countries between 1979 and 1981.

However, the recession that has struck all Central American countries has left Guatemala almost without foreign exchange reserves at a time when its Government badly needs to reequip its overstretched, though highly efficent armed forces.

Estimates vary of total figures for the four armies operating under the newly formed alliance of Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity. Diplomatic sources here said that the biggest of them, the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP) had at least 4,000 armed men in the field. These were said to be backed by another 12,000 men, who operated unarmed.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Tornadoes batter Americans

New York. — Tornadoes ripped across America's great plains in the Middle-West, pulverizing buildings and killing at least five people, while rivers in the area sent ice floes through living rooms, driving more than 4,000 people from their homes.

The water was 10ft above flood levels and still rising in the three-river city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, where 3,500 people were evacuated and one killed as thunderstorms and thawing snow threatened to make the flooding as bad as in 1913, when 732 people died across Indiana and Ohio.

Thunderstorms spread across the lower Ohio valley, pelting Cape Giradeau, Missouri, with hail stones the size of golf balls. At least five people were killed at the weekend in northern Indiana, Ohio and southern Michigan. Three died in Kansas on Monday and another was killed in Oklahoma.

A White House for agents only

Washington. — The Administration plans to build a replica of the White House outside Washington to train Secret Service agents assigned to protect the President.

The Secret Service spokesman, Mr Jim Boyle, said that most agents were assigned during their careers to a stint at the presidential residence or Blair House, the official guest house adjoining the White House. Congress has yet to approve the plan.

Running battle in Brussels

Brussels.—After thousands of Belgian steelworkers fought running street battles in Brussels with police, there were dozens of injuries on both sides. Tear gas, water cannon and mounted police were used to disperse the demonstrators, who threw cobblestones and bolts.

The Socialist FGTB union called the demonstration over plans to restructure the steel industry, which is losing £11m a month. The unions believe this will entail the loss of 10,000 jobs in Wallonia, where unemployment is 20 per cent in some places.

2,000 detained in Uganda

Nairobi. — The Ugandan authorities said that more than 2,000 people had been arrested and were being interrogated after a raid in Kampala against "criminal elements", especially supporters of anti-government guerrillas who recently attacked the main Kampala Army barracks.

Mr John Luwuliza-Kirunda, the Interior Minister, said it was "a general exercise regarding suspicious characters". More than 200 of those detained had already been released, including two Opposition MPs.

Mercouri wants Elgin Marbles



Athens — Miss Melina Merc uri, the Greek Minister of Culture, who wants the return of the British Museum's classical sculptures that Lord Elgin "stole" from the Acropolis 180 years ago (Mario Madsiani writes). "They are an intrgral part of the Acropolis which symbolizes Greece itself", she said.

Yet, curiously enough, she does not feel the same about the Louvre's Venus de Milo which Jacques Lang, the French Minister of Culture, apparently promised to send to Greece on loan. Why the discrimination, she was asked at a press conference. Why not ask for the repatriation of Venus, of the Aegina sculptures from Munich or many other such masterpieces? "We can't take everything back", she said.

Seal spray costs Greenpeace £1,950

Perce, Quebec. — Three members of the Greenpeace conservationist movement were fined 1,500 Canadian dollars (about £650), for spraying green dye on seal pups to destroy the value of their skins as a protest against Canada's annual seal hunt.

They sprayed about 150 seals before they were arrested last Friday on ice floes near the Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St Lawrence.

Four cities, four crises, 4/Swansea: beating back the shadow of political corruption

One of the toughest moulds for the SDP to break

In the centre of Swansea is a fragment of an ancient castle. On the other side of the busy street, almost next door to the new shopping precinct, is the quiet close of St Mary's parish church. In the porch the visitor is likely to find notices advertising concerts by the Welsh National Opera or the Morriston Orpheus Choir.

Such are the sort of clues, none on its own of any great significance, which lead to the discovery that Swansea is considerably more than just an industrial town at the wrong end of South Wales. It has been variously described as the graveyard of ambition, in the sense that people are reluctant ever to leave it, and as a city that has never quite made up its mind what it wants to be.

To be fair, in the last 150 years or so it has not been given much of a chance to decide its own destiny. The industrial revolution caught it almost by surprise, transforming it from a quiet watering place into a sprawl of spewing sulphurous smokestacks in less than two decades.

A century later the Luftwaffe's unexpected bombs obliterated most of the old city centre. Yet it has managed to retain a tangible character, totally distinct from the capital, Cardiff; it is older, livelier, more self-assured, more "Welsh".

Although comparatively small, with a population of under 200,000 it is the focal point of a conurbation that stretches from Port Talbot in the east to Llanelli in the west and which contains some half a million people.

Politically the area is a traditional bastion of the Labour Party, containing what have long been some of the safest seats in Britain. At local level the party's grip on affairs was until recently virtually immovable. The cogs might change but the machine remained.

The disappearance of the old county borough in the 1973 local government reorganization, and its replacement by a new district council, did not on the face of it alter things very much. But three years later its leader, Mr Gerald Murphy, was arraigned on corruption charges, and he and the city housing director, Mr Emrys Harris, were duly sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The shock waves were enough to topple the Labour Party from power after more than 30 years of uninterrupted control. By a landslide vote a ratepayers' group was elected on a reform platform, only to be itself discredited when in March 1979 its leader, Mr Sidney Jenkins, was himself found guilty of corruption and jailed for 12 months.

The present leader of the city council, Mr Tyssul Lewis is, like most of his colleagues, a Labour moderate of the old school. "We were all brought up in a working class background", he says. "My father was a miner, I was one of seven children, and we learned common sense. The so called New Left has made no impact here because it has no roots in the working class."

According to people like Mr Lewis, left wing militancy is almost entirely confined to a minority of university students. Be that as it may, there is a challenge to be met from a different direction, from a movement whose leaders bear a curiously high ratio of Welsh names.

Professor Robert Steel, the principal of University College, Swansea, is inclined to be dismissive of the likely impact of the Social Democrats. "I don't think that there will be much support in the valleys for the sort of thing that Roy Jenkins and David Owen stand for", he says.

But what about in Swansea itself? As Professor Steel himself recalls, when Shirley Williams visited the college last year more than 1,000 people turned out to hear her. Her speech was relayed to several overflow rooms, in each of which she received a standing ovation.

The college, which with nearly 4,000 students is larger than some universities, stands in the spacious grounds of Singleton Park, facing out across the bay. Most of the buildings are modern, but Professor Steel's office is on the first floor of a handsome 19th century mansion, formerly the home of the Vivian family who came from Devon to make their fortune in the great wave of industrialization that swept up the Lower Swansea Valley.

Swansea was a market town and port as early as the 12th century, with a large agricultural hinterland. The city still has stronger physical and emotional links with the valleys than does Cardiff. The high wild hills loom over the streets of terrace houses and, as in so much of South Wales, natural beauty still challenges the scars of exploitation.

There is also the sea. But for the discovery of "black gold" in the hills, Swansea might have established itself as a fashionable resort. The remaining Georgian terraces near the docks are an echo of past elegance. The little hotels and boarding houses that line the sandy beaches sweeping out towards Mumbles and the Gower peninsula are pure Margate or Weymouth, and defy the reality of an industrial city.

A handful of imposing Victorian buildings, housing such venerable bodies as the Royal Institution of Wales, reveal that, but for the upstart Cardiff, it might have assumed recognition as the natural capital of Wales. It was the home of the first newspaper, published in 1845, and until the late nineteenth century its only serious industrial rival was Merthyr Tydfil.

Mr Roger Warren Evans, who directs the city council's commercial and industrial promotion campaigns, draws an analogy with Edinburgh and Glasgow. But whereas in Scotland the older city was able to retain its capital status, despite Glasgow's industrial predominance, Swansea lost on both counts.

The rivalry has left a legacy. "Cardiff is psychologically much more than 45 miles away", Mr Warren Evans remarks. "Swansea people feel closer to London than to Cardiff, which hardly exists for them. So there is very little interest in Cardiff-based institutions like the Welsh Office and the Welsh Development Agency."

Like most relics of the industrial revolution, and in competition with a good many of them, Swansea is attempting to present a new image to the world. A former dock basin is being converted into a yacht marina. Nearby land has been cleared for small-scale housing developments, a far cry from the high-rise concrete estates of the 1960s.

A disused warehouse has been beautifully restored as a maritime museum, and a specially commissioned statue of Dylan Thomas will shortly grace a new piazza. The city is placing modest hopes in its future as a tourist centre.

By far the most dramatic achievement, and a justifiable cause for pride, is the reclamation and restoration of the lower end of the valley which was submitted as one of the United Kingdom entries in the Council of Europe's urban renaissance campaign. Until quite recently the banks of the Tawe were lined by factories belching black smoke and spewing their debris in stinking, sulphurous heaps and poisonous pools. It was a nightmare landscape, that all but defied salvation. Today it stands transformed.

A couple of miles up the valley is Morriston, now part of Swansea but still easily identifiable as a typical company town. The main street is an array of chapels, dominated by the magnificent spire of the Tabernacle where, on Sunday evenings, the Orpheus can still contrive to raise every hair on the back of the listener's neck by the splendour of its harmonies. The ironmasters have long since departed, and their place has been filled by people like Mr Don Keefe, managing director of Siliconix, a subsidiary of a large Californian electronics group.

"The recession has given us tough times, like everyone else. But this is the right business to be in, and I think our employees appreciate it", he says.

"When you move outside, you really see the effects of unemployment. The club I belong to was always absolutely packed until about two years ago. Now you can go in and pick up a snooker cue and start playing at once. In the old days you would have had to wait an hour or more."

At Port Talbot the giant steelworks sprawl along a narrow coastal plain, overshadowed by the unspoiled hills which at this point stop only a few hundred yards short of the sea. Not so long ago, the town was almost a byword for easy money and high spending. Now things are very different. The immediate threat of closure has temporarily been lifted, but jobs are still disappearing.

Neath, like Swansea, is a town with its roots deep in the distant past. Despite the looming presence of heavy industry, including the giant odoroferous British Petroleum refinery at Llandarcy, it also boasts a substantial ruined abbey, a cattle market and a flourishing annual fair.

The oil industry has produced a highly skilled workforce, many of whom have taken jobs as welders and fitters on North Sea oil installations. Some have gone still further afield. Mr Frank Evans, district secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, talks of wives in the valleys whose husbands work in Saudi Arabia and who fly home two or three times a year.

That, of course, has done little to ease local difficulties. "When the crisis first hit us, people were talking about riots, looting and blood on the streets", he says. "The thought was that people wouldn't be able to stand seeing others going into Tesco's and buying things they couldn't have themselves, so they would go in and take them.

"But when you look at it in perspective, a lot of the unemployed have at least one person in the family who is working. Many people took their redundancy payments, men in their fifties say, who have spent their working lives in heavy industry, and now it's their wives who have got jobs."

Redundancy payments have meant that, for perhaps the first time in their lives, people have had large sums of money to spend.

But the boom in what he calls "fool's gold" cannot last, he warns." There is a danger, he believes, of polarization between families with three or four wage earners, who have two cars outside the door and take Continental holidays, and those with no one working at all.

Activities like rugby and singing in choirs have for more than a century sustained Welsh spirits, even in hard times. As a result, the visitor does not gain the impression of a depressed area. There is none of the loss of hope that one encounters in, say, parts of Merseyside. Even though male unemployment is nearly 20 per cent, which is as high as almost anywhere in Britain, Swansea seems psychologically buoyant.

John Young

Next week Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine sets out his ideas on the policies needed to solve the problems of British cities which The Times *has been examining over the past month.*



Brian Harris

The Labour lad from Llandyssul

Tyssul Lewis, 56, leader of Swansea City Council: has been a local councillor since 1968 and active in local politics since 1950. The son of a miner, named after his home village of Llandyssul, Mr Lewis is a thoroughgoing Labour man. His party has been in control of the city for 40 years — with a three-year interruption from 1976-79. "One-party rule is not a problem", he says, "provided people in the party don't lose their sense of direction. We are not complacent".

Old fiefdoms go but corruption still a threat

"Through large areas of the country, in Central Scotland, the North-east, South Yorkshire and South Wales, a new kind of feudalism, outstripping that of the Conservatives in rural areas, had arisen from the Labour Party's near monopoly of council membership. Those who held power in such regions exercised an immense patronage."

This view of city politics comes from Raymond Fitzwalter's and David Taylor's book about that great British provincial morality play for the 1960s, the story of John Poulson and T. Dan Smith. The corruption was overt, the trading of favours for holidays and money. It is a type of corruption that will not die as long as there are land deals, planning permissions, building contracts and the rule of ambitious city strong men.

The formula turned up again more recently in Swansea. There the Labour Party's reputation was redeemed, slightly, after the conviction of a local boss, by the fact that the leader of the ratepayers' insurgent groups was himself hauled before the courts after only months in office.

In the conventional wisdom of local authority officials of the 1980s this kind of corruption is a relic of an older age before the reorganization of local government in England, Wales and Scotland between 1973 and 1975. For one thing, council officers are often too highly paid to be easily seduced.

The new constitution of local government has ended the concentrated power enjoyed in the old municipal and county boroughs. The still controversial division of metropolitan government into multi-purpose district and county councils ensures a distribution of power.

This county-district division is severely criticized by all who urge a unified governmental approach to inner city problems and by those who espouse "communitarian" solutions. Last summer the aftermath of Toxteth showed a wave of antagonism to the apparent wastefulness of the existence of both Merseyside County Council and Liverpool Metropolitan District Council, especially when run by different and competing political parties.

Political as well as administrative change has broken up the concentrated power of the old city fiefdoms. Within the Labour Party power has dissipated as internal faction fighting has increased: many city Labour groups are only tenuous coalitions of left and right, as in Manchester. Mr Clive Wilkinson leader of Birmingham city council, is a city boss — but one who has to fight to secure his supporters' nominations by their own party branches.

It is only since the early 1970s that the Labour left has given municipal politics its serious attention: this is clearest in London, as well as in Liverpool, Manchester and South Yorkshire. There municipal spending has become an item in the general opposition both to a Conservative Government and to the existing order of society.

Outside the Labour Party the rise of the Social Democratic Liberal Alliance will ensure a continuation of the switching from one party to another that was in the past guaranteed by the amazing resilience of the Conservative Party in even the most solid Labour and working class areas.

Both parties benefit, of course, from the tight connexion between local voting and national politics — a connexion which thwarts real political diversity at municipal level. Tory MP Anthony Steen has worked out an interesting chart (see chart one) showing which party controlled the 20 cities in Great Britain with a population of more than 200,000 as measured in 1972: national governments and local administrations alternate on a straight party basis.

The accompanying table shows how spending by city councils has risen: the increase in "urban problem" cities is marked compared with smaller towns and areas where population is expanding. In the cities property rates between the mid-1960s and the later 1970s have contributed a decreasing proportion of council revenues. The result has been that councils' rate levies appear to have had little effect on the pattern of voting in local elections. Ratepayers have little or no idea of the true cost of local services

Thanks to the build up of central government support British cities have nowhere near approached the crisis which overtook New York and has threatened other American cities such as Cleveland and Boston where the local tax base gave out. However, the British picture, according to Professor Peter Jackson of Leicester University, is one of "urban fiscal stress". Declining population, increasing cost of providing social services to an aging inner city population, shrinking property base for taxation add up, he argues, to stress.

"The end to the growth of urban public expenditure, on the one hand, and the demands for a simpler system of distributing central government assistance, less biased in favour of the big cities on the other, will create a more hostile climate for the metropolitan authorities. Limited budgets will mean more controversy over their allocation. The pressure may grow as a result for faster increases in local rates which in turn will generate greater internal resistance. The prospect must be faced of heightened conflict between the declining metropolitan areas and central government and within their own communities".

That was written two years ago by academic, Richard Kirwan. Mr Heseltine, block grants, industry's antagonism to rates have all accentuated the conflict.

David Walker

How 20 Big Cities Voted 1965-79

Date	Labour	Conservative	Other Party
1965	17	2	1
1966 General Election: Labour			
1970	1	16	3
1970 General Election: Conservative			
1973	16	3	1*
1974 (Feb) General Election: Labour			
1974	14	3	3*
1974 (Oct) General Election: Labour			
1978	6	11	3*
1979 General Election: Conservative			

* = no overall control

The fiscal impact of urban decline in two English cities 1965-77

	Change in tax base per head in constant prices	Change in local council spending per head at constant prices	Government grants as % of total council spending 1965-6	Government grants as % of total council spending 1977-8	Change in average domestic rates paid at constant prices 1965-6 to 1977-8
	Percentages				
Manchester	8.8	114.3	49.0	58.2	35.8
Coventry	1.2	71.0	48.3	63.6	5.9

Source: Richard Kirwan, "The Fiscal Context" in G. Cameron (ed) The Future of the British Conurbations, Longman £7.95p.

Lech Walesa's fate may be decided today ... meanwhile, the Poles wait to see if he will be freed for his daughter's baptism

The christening that threatens Jaruzelski

Swaying like a drunken sailor, held shakily aloft by monks selected for their *devotion rather than stat*ure, the Queen of Poland, maker of miracles, arrived *some* weeks ago in the forecourt of St Anthony's church in Warsaw. "I *prayed* for the interned, I prayed for Lech", volunteered a middle-aged woman, as a member of the church hierarchy passed, "I prayed for a miracle".

The Queen of Poland, alias the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, is a five-foot high icon darkened with age, of Mary, mother of Jesus, to which wonders of healing, transformation and liberation have been attributed over the past 600 years.

Does Lech Walesa need a miracle? Does Poland need Walesa? These questions have been troubling the Polish people and the Polish government in varying degrees since the declaration of martial law three months ago.

Over the past week, pressure, above all from Archbishop Jozef Glemp, the primate, has been stepped up on the wavering martial law authorities. *Walesa should be released*, said Archbishop Glemp in his weekend sermon, and should play a key part in national reconstruction.

Privately, the Liberal *Marxists in the Politburo*, the Government and Military Council have long acknowledged *this to be the* case, but the terms for his release have never been realistic. *Walesa should* broadcast to the nation, call for conciliation and acceptance of *martial law*; he should give his approval to a new union structure that would be based on industry, trades and craft and not regions, and he should allow his prestige to be harnessed to a new sober, hard-working Poland.

Walesa listened to these entreaties usually conveyed by Mr Stanislaw Ciosek, the Trade Union Minister, and rejected them. He had discovered the power of silence. Both Walesa and the Catholic Church, which has been gently steering him over the past months of internment, recognize that they have a formidable edge over General Wojciech Jaruzelski: they have time, he does not.

The first reaction to Mr *Walesa's silence was to try* to factor him out of the equation. The official press accused him of cooperating with anti-socialist forces. More and more government officials, such as Mr Ciosek and Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the deputy premier, let slip in conversation that they thought Walesa a rather pathetic figure, a burnt-out case. Not many people believed this and saw such criticism for what it really was: a way of warning Walesa that there were forces in the Communist Party who thought him dispensable. Mr Walesa's vanity and sense of mission, they calculated, would do the rest.

In the event, the Government has miscalculated, probably because the combination of Solidarity and *the Church is almost* unbeatable. Three elements have changed over the past *fortnight*. General Jaruzelski has been to Moscow and can claim *that* the Kremlin *has given tacit support for* his policies. That makes concessions easier, above *all* defending them against the criticism of the dogmatic ideologues in the party.

Archbishop Glemp has returned from the Vatican, a tougher, more forthright figure, unambiguous now in his support of Walesa. Finally, there has been a change of mood in the underground. Having passed through successive stages of anger and bitterness, having worked out methods of passive opposition that indicate a degree of bargaining power, the underground Solidarity activists feel strong enough to talk to the Government.

A meeting of what re*mains of the* National Commission of Solidarity was convened just over two weeks ago and settled on three demands: *the start of* talks with the Government; *the end to internment*; and the acceptance of a regional basis to the trade union *movement. Solidarity was* based on regions, not industries, and derived its *main political muscle* from the fact, enabling it, for example, to cripple the *capital and exert pressure* on local government. Lawyers have now been autho*rized* to act as go-betweens in an effort to secure an agenda for discussions with the Government. Some reports suggest a general willingness to go some way towards discussing the Solidarity demands.

Meanwhile, in parallel with these talks about talks, negotiations are under way on the fate of Mr Walesa. Informed sources say that he has been meeting senior government officials yesterday and today to discuss his future. The immediate issue is a seemingly trivial one, but of great symbolic importance for it underlines the Church's alignment with the Solidarity leader: *whether and on what con*ditions, Walesa should be allowed to attend the chris*tening of his seven-week*-old baby, Maria Viktoria.

The new proposed date is *this* Sunday, *but* the Government is wary of making a firm commitment. *Walesa is a dangerous* property: his release, even for a day, in Gdansk could trigger *off a popular* uprising in the already volatile port. Three options thus present themselves: the venue of the christening could be changed at the last minute from Gdansk to Warsaw and be strictly private; it could be held in Gdansk under heavy guard (which could be even more provocative than the alternative); or the ceremony could be held unheralded, *in the next few days*, some time before the scheduled date.

Whatever the outcome, it is clear that Mr Walesa has shifted from a position of *relative obscurity to* centre stage. The Government has acknowledged his importance, *but whether it will be* able to deliver the necessary goods remains to be seen.

There are many unanswered questions too on the Solidarity side. How representative, for example, are the remnants of the Solidarity Commission that have authorized these contacts with the Government? Can their relative moderation be reconciled with the hardened radicalism of the interned Solidarity leadership? How are the non-interned Solidarity leaders to communicate and coordinate with those who are jailed?

It would be wrong too to assume that the underground is a monolithic structure. There are deep divisions still between Mr Zbigniew Bujak of Warsaw *for example*, and fugitive Solidarity men from Silesia; and, more importantly, there is a large number of young people who want a more violent confrontation *with the* Government, and see no scope for talks at all.

The real division in Soli*darity at present is between* the students and university-based activists who want to challenge *the fundamentals* of martial law and the factory-based underground *workers who want patiently* to reconstruct the union on the best possible terms. *There is little communi*cation between these wings and it may well need the *unifying charismatic figure* of Lech Walesa to bring the factions together into a *coherent force*.

Lech Walesa, meanwhile, shoots bottles with an *airgun in the back garden* of the palace where he is held prisoner, smokes incessantly, *talks with* priests, lets his beard grow and waits for the Black Madonna of Czestochowa to create a miracle of common sense.

Roger Boyes



An anguished Walesa — one of the last pictures taken of the Solidarity leader before his internment, and his wife Danusia with the daughter whose christening is posing problems for the government.

Justice at last for the victims

A quiet revolution in penal thought, spreading in from the United *States*, has brought about an almost unnoticed change in a concept of British justice which goes back to the twelfth century. Hidden inside the new Criminal Justice Bill, now going through Parliament, is the unmistakable principle that a court's duty in a wide range of cases is to be to the victims rather than to the state.

The Bill breaks with precedent in allowing courts to make a compensation order instead of dealing with an offender in any other way. Previously, the order could be made only in addition to another form of punishment. The Bill also says that a *court should give precedence* to the compensation order in a case where it would be *appropriate to impose a fine* as well, but where the offender has not enough *money to pay both*.

This important change modifies the notion — developed by Henry II — that injury between people is not simply an offence by one against the other, the victim, but a breach of the King's peace and a threat to the security and well-being of the whole of society. Over the century the Crown has taken more and more responsibility for dealing with offenders on behalf of the victim and punishing them. The raising of the victim's status in the new Bill is a sign of increasing concern about the way he or she has felt largely excluded from the criminal justice system.

As Mr John Harding, deputy chief probation officer in the West Midlands, says: "Nobody consults the victim unless it is the prosecution dealing with him as a witness. His conflict with the offender is taken away from him. He is left with frustration, anger and impatience with the offender, the criminal justice system *and its agents*."

In Britain, increasing numbers of victims of crime *are being offered help and* advice by volunteers in the fast growing National Association of Victims Support Schemes, whose annual meeting is to be addressed by Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, later this month.

The association's aim is defined by its national officer, Miss Helen Reeves, as: "to minimize the bad effects of crime and to help people through the uninvited crisis as fully and quickly as possible."

In two places — Exeter and South Shields — offenders may help victims. In Exeter the provision of opportunities for reparation is one of the ways in which juvenile offenders are handled in a youth support scheme run by a team from police, social work and probation.

One keen gardener I met was helping to keep out of trouble *an eight-year-old* boy who broke two panes in his glass-house. The boy did *work in the glass-house (to* teach him not to throw stones) and was thereby encouraged to develop an interest in gardening.

In South Shields, offenders and others aged between 17 and 25 attending a day centre workshop have under supervision helped victims, sometimes by repairing doors and windows broken by burglars or vandals. Almost all the offenders have themselves committed burglary or vandalism.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board was brought into being to provide money for victims, but does not do so for property stolen or destroyed. And though the courts can order compensation, that happens only when offenders are convicted. Insurance schemes also cover people able to afford them.

One big *hole in the present* schemes is lack of compensation for victims who are *poor and suffer loss of goods* or money from crimes when the offender is not convicted. *Another defect is that victims* who do receive compensation as the result of a court order *may get money in instal*ments which serve to remind them constantly of the trauma they prefer to forget. And, the money not being in a lump sum, they are unable to purchase straight away replacements for the objects taken.

*Mr Martin Wasik, a lec*turer in law, says that everyone accepts the inadequacy *of the old system* where the victim's only remedy was to sue the offender in the civil courts for damages. Again, that could be done only if the offender was convicted and had the means to pay. But criminal courts which have had expanded powers to make awards for compensation tend to confine themselves to straightforward cases and seldom make awards when physical injuries have been incurred.

He urges the setting up of a central fund, administered by an expanded Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to cover all cases of compensation for victims of crime. The offender would be ordered to pay a contribution

Mr Harding, whose book *Victims and Offenders: Needs and Responsibilities* is to be published by the Bedford Square Press, favours the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board taking on the job of compensating people who have suffered financial loss.

He feels, however, that "we should extend the protective net to those least able *to help themselves in this* area. People tend to victimize others most like themselves: *people who are unemployed*, poor and living in reduced circumstances".

Mr Wasik's case has been put with others to a high-powered working party on "forfeiture" (by offenders), sponsored by the Howard League for Penal Reform and chaired by Mr Justice Hodgson. The working party, which has yet to produce its report, seems to be coming to the view that community service is already providing opportunity for reparation by the offender for his offence,

Restitution may take the form of money paid to the victim of a particular crime *by the person who committed* it; or restitution may take the form of community service.

The most revolutionary approach is mediation or arbitration between the offender and his victim, which may result in reparation.

One recent example was the award of agreed damages of £6,722 to the mother of the youngest victim of Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper. Mrs Irene MacDonald, mother of Jayne, will have to wait until Sutcliffe's main asset, his house in Bradford, valued at £35,000, is sold, before she will get any money.

Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent

Henry Fairlie

Why Reagan's friends should be critics too

Washington

A very important conference of both powerful and influential Republican leaders took place last weekend on the eastern shore of Maryland which, give or take a traffic jam or two, is anything *between two and four hours'* drive from downtown Washington: and any person *who considers himself* conservative, or even helpful to the conservatives, should consider the work of that conference very closely.

Before describing it, a general comment is necessary. I have spent most of my life watching conservative and right-wing parties, on both sides of the Atlantic, blow their chances to demonstrate that they can govern efficiently and decently *in a* democracy. Again and again, they are given substantial *majorities*; again and again, they grow only more confused in office. They leave little mark on our century of hope or achievement or promise.

The reason seems to me to be clear, and it is wonderfully plain in America now. The conservatives or the right never develop an intellectual opposition within their own ranks. It is the habit of left-wing or *liberal intellectuals*, when their party is in power, or even reaching for power, *to move into a position* of harsh intellectual criticism. They feed their party by *reminding* it that ideas count.

There is every evidence that rulers who were left of centre, from Attlee to Roosevelt, however contemptuous they may *have* been of the left-wing intellectuals, still wanted their needling.

It is the perpetual weakness of conservative and right-wing governments in this century that their own intellectuals and journals seem incap*able* of sustaining even a fusillade of criticism, let alone of mounting a relentless barrage with their heavy artillery, so that the conservative governments are *really left with no nourish*ment from their very own people, who should be re*minding* them why they are there.

This was the difference *between a Beaverbrook who*, even to the extent of employing brilliant left-wing *journalists* like the young Michael Foot, needled the party which he supported, and a Rothermere who made his newspapers so dully loyal to the ruling Conservatives that he not only made his newspapers dull, but made the Conservative politicians seem much duller than they in fact were.

Conservative and right-wing causes were never dull when Beaverbrook whipped in an A. J. P. Taylor to keep the politicians up to scratch. Often deeply involved in politics himself, he kept his newspapers wonderfully independent. He understood that politicians — even the politicians he supported — needed a voice from outside politics. His newspapers were conservative, but they were *never party newspapers*.

So we may return to the conference of Republican *leaders on the eastern shore* last weekend. From the very beginning in 1978, when it *was* founded by Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon, it has been called the Tidewater *conference*. Influential elected Republicans — whether elected to the United *States* Congress or the state legislatures — were and are invited to attend. Only 50 went the first time: now everyone would like to go.

From this annual conference as much as from anywhere came the belief that the Republicans had *replaced the Democrats* as the party of ideas. These were serious and strong politicians trying to give their party a sense that it not only could afford but desperately needed the energy of ideas which are discussed in the uninhibited way that can come only from the belief that ideas must be allowed their own independence.

So the Tidewater conference met last weekend after *its founder*, Senator Packwood, had only recently denounced President Reagan and his Administration. His words were loud and clear: "I really think the President has an idealized concept of America. The Republican Party has just about written off those women who work for wages. *We are losing* them in droves." That was a sterling beginning, but there was *more to come*.

He went on: "You cannot write them off, and the blacks off, and the Hispanics off, and the Jews off, and assume you're going to build a party of white Anglo-Saxon males over 40. There aren't enough of us left." It was that last sentence which cracked across the Republican landscape like a thunderbolt. From Oregon — as white Anglo-Saxon a state as there is — the truth: "There aren't enough of us left" — not even *in* Oregon.

It is true that Senator Packwood then apologized *for the strength* of his criticism. It does not matter. The apology only heightened the criticism. It is true that on Saturday, the first day of this year's conference, he tried formally to still the criticism of the Administration. But *he* had let the cat out of the bag — as he must have known he was doing — and there was no way to put it back.

On the Saturday, the conference was bland. A series of resolutions was passed that supported the Administration. Then on Sunday, the cat clawed. In an *extraordinary debate on the* failure of Mr Reagan and his Administration to give attention to the *specific problems* of black people, Republicans such as Representative *Mickey* Edwards for Oklahoma and Representative Carroll A Campbell from *South Carolina spoke* their minds.

They said that in *neglect*ing the blacks the Republicans were making a mistake which was "exploited by the other side". Oklahoma and South Carolina are again scarcely liberal states — they are South-western and Southern — yet from them came the strong protest.

And as Sunday progressed, the explosion could not be contained. Senator Mark *Andrews* of North Dakota expressed his disquiet at the effort to conceal the differ*ences which these Republi*cans have with their President and his Administration. *In repudiating the blandness* of the first day, he said: "The salaam to the Emperor went out, I think, *several hundred* years ago". North Dakota is hardly a liberal state.

He went on to say that he thought that Mr Reagan would have been helped by the kind of criticism which the conference had tried to avoid: "the abrasion and the sandpaper to come up with the kind of position that I think helps". They are important words from a serious politician, "the abrasion and the sandpaper". Those are what an independent conservative newspaper should be supplying — here or at home.

The article on Monday on Central America should have referred to United States *military intervention in the* Dominican Republic, not Dominica, in 1965.

The model for a Coulsdon man

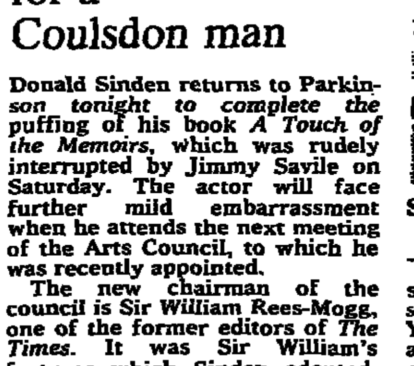
Donald Sinden returns to Parkin*son tonight to complete the* puffing of his book *A Touch of the Memoirs*, which was rudely interrupted by Jimmy Savile on Saturday. The actor will face further mild embarrassment when he attends the next meeting of the Arts Council, to which he was recently appointed.

The new chairman of the council is Sir *William* Rees-Mogg, one of the former editors of *The Times*. It was Sir William's *features* which Sinden adopted, to remarkable look-alike effect, as model for his make-up when appearing in *Shut your eyes and think of England*.

Sinden could try telling the new chairman that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but it is awkward that the character he was supposed to be portraying on the stage was an insignificant accountant from Coulsdon.







Sir William Rees-Mogg and the Sinden version

Not on form

Angela Slingsby, the young designer whose work was singled out for praise in Sir Derek Rayner's report on government forms, *has been turned down for* a job with Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

Three months ago she applied for a position at HMSO's Holborn design studio. She showed the interviewers IR 33, *Income tax and school leavers*, the form which she designed while still a student and which Rayner described as "particularly good". Yet she was not offered the post, and for the time being will *continue* to work as a book designer with J. M. Dent, the publishers.

Strong medicine

World Medicine continues to wreak its *revenge*. The IPC magazine abandoned earlier this year by its editor and all the regular writers has just cost one of the defecting contributors his job.

Last October Karl Sabbagh, *director of the MSD Foundation*, a medical charity funded by Merck Sharp & Dohme, wrote in his column in *World Medicine* about Menachem Begin's role in the massacre of 254 Palestinians at Deir Yassin in 1948. Jewish doctors objected, 27 terminated their subscriptions and one drug company stopped advertising.

Merck Sharp & Dohme also found its sales representatives turned away by some Jewish doctors, and pressure mounted for *Sabbagh's replacement*. Sabbagh finally resigned last week after being reprimanded by the MSD *Foundation's board of governors* for "a significant error of judgment."

THE TIMES DIARY



Guinness is reviving the tradition of Wild West saloons in which drinkers were liable to be shot on sight. Yesterday the stout-makers launched a photographic competition in which publicans will be invited to take snapshots of customers who order their product, so they can choose the picture which "best reflects the unique character of the draught Guinness drinker."

To judge by the company's past advertising, the prize is likely to go to the first landlord who can find a girder-toting zoo keeper with a menagerie of ostriches, sealions and pet toucans.

Sir Geoffrey Howe tells PHS of some unexpected flak he received over the Budget. After seeing the pre-budget photographs of Sir Geoffrey relaxing with his wife, Elspeth, and terrier, Budget, an angry constituent wrote to complain how dare he let that Shirley Williams play with his dog.

Supporting role

There were mixed jokes on the menu at the Democratic Party national committee's first fund-raising dinner held outside the United States, at the Dorchester Hotel on Monday night.

There were some old — such as condemnation of the Reagan china policy (new and expensive crockery *for* the White House that is); some new — the pious hope that there might be discovered, for President Reagan's sake, "one God-fearing Nicaraguan who will tell the truth"; and some unpopular, like former Senator Frank Church's ill-advised comparison of his party's financial position to a woman with an 84-inch bust: it could stand, but only with assistance.

Missing medal

Last night the last of 12 Croix de Guerre won by a troop of the Honourable Artillery Company in North Africa 40 years ago was presented at Armoury House.

The 29 men of H-Troop, E-Battery were supporting a Free French column in the western desert when attacked by enemy tanks in March 1942.

The commander of the Free French offered the whole troop a collective Croix de Guerre but that was refused by GHQ Middle East on the grounds that he was not authorized by the French to award military decorations. A year later there was a change of heart and *GHQ forwarded a list* of 12 to be decorated — eight dead and four prisoners of war.

Yet the regiment was not informed and no details were published in the *London Gazette*. It was not until 1980 that a widow of one of the dead told her local newspaper her husband had been awarded a Croix de Guerre which was never received. Inquiries began but it took two years to trace 11 of the medal recipients *or their next of kin*. The battery commander, Major Roger Croxton, only traced the last man when the brother of Lance-Bom*bardier V. C. Buckland, who died* in the action, read a story about the forgotten medal in *Coin and Medal News*.

Bath buns OK

Lord Longford has been encouraged to indulge his fancy for bath buns by slender diet bore Judy *Mazel*, inventor of the Beverly Hills diet. Mazel, photographed feeding her publisher grapes, assured him he had no need to diet. The anti-pornography peer said he was used to such compliments from attractive young women. Beside bath buns, which he has eschewed for years, Longford said his other weakness was chocolate. Mazel, by the way, was accompanied by her American agent, a cuddly man called *Shelley Berger*.

Marital break-up

Lady Lorna Howard, Stanley Baldwin's daughter, is concerned by Labour opposition to a statue of her father in the Commons, and tells me this story to show the trust Baldwin shared with the *workers*:

An embarrassed newlywed employee came to Baldwin and told him he had broken *the bridal* bed. Baldwin said it could be repaired free at the family ironworks, but the man feared it would make him the laughing stock of all his mates.

So the broken bed was brought to the back door of Baldwin's house at night, wheeled through the hall the following morning and taken across the road for repair as if it were Baldwin's own.

Secret weapon

A right-wing pressure group within the Young Conservatives is demanding the resignation of the new Y.C. chairman, Philip Pedley. They accuse him of treachery because in 1975 he wrote a letter to the *Daily Telegraph* accusing Margaret Thatcher *of lacking loyalty*. He was then denounced by his district association chairman who said the letter *was "unauthor*ized, unsupported and deplored". The paper on which all this is explained to me carries the motto: "Loyalty is our secret weapon."

A bit behind

Belgium is half way through its presidency of the EEC *council of* environment ministers, and, says the European Environment Bureau based in Brussels, could do better.

In November the Belgian Government was hauled before the European Court of Justice for illegal delays in applying six Community directives connected with the environment. The country has yet to implement 25 international conventions in the field, and there are another 15 EEC directives on which the Belgians are accused of undue delay.

Royal redoubt

The existence of a second royal palace in East Anglia has been confirmed, though the Queen is not likely to find the new discovery *as convenient* as Sandringham. It is on a factory estate at Gallows Hill, on the outskirts of Thetford, and as English royal palaces go is rather modest: three Iron Age round huts inside three concentric rectangular enclosures.

The palace belonged to Boudicca, the ancient Britons' heroine. It is older than Windsor *and the Tower*, and draughtier than either, having been built in the middle of the first century AD when Prasutagus, *husband of* Boudicca, was established as king of the Iceni. The circularity of the houses indicates that the palace was British, not Roman, and the complexity and depth of the defences prove its importance. The find is described in the new issue of *Current Archaeology*.

The death of Prasutagus in AD 60 and the invading continentals' attempt to absorb the client kingdom of the Iceni touched off Boudicca's revolt. If Cogidubnus, the other client king down at Fishbourne, had not persisted in playing the quisling, we might have swept the Romans into the sea.

I notice that the board of British Airways, who have been feeling the draught lately, held their meeting to discuss the Price Waterhouse report on the airline's financial management at Heathrow's Penta Hotel — in the Hurricane Room.

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WASHINGTON'S NEW THOUGHTS

Recent statements by President Reagan and Mr Haig make it clear that new thinking is under way in Washington about the deteriorating situation in Central America. The offer of mediation by President López Portillo of Mexico, which was coolly received when it was first made last month, and was totally ignored by Mr Reagan in his speech on aid for the Caribbean, is now being given a respectful hearing. Mr Haig has had two meetings with Señor Castañeda, the Mexican Foreign Minister, and has emerged talking of proposals for a political settlement. For the time being at least, talk of possible military intervention by the United States has been dropped, and emphasis is being laid on what can be achieved through negotiations.

Just what form negotiations *might take is still not clear*, nor who they might be conducted with — whether the guerrillas in El Salvador, the leftist government in Nicaragua, the Cubans, or even the Russians. But the change of approach, if it is maintained, is much to be welcomed. It offers the possibility of putting an end to the appalling bloodshed and suffering in the region, and of bringing about a settlement which, if not exactly what *Washington would have* chosen, might at least be tolerable. Specifically, it should be able to prevent the emergence of a group of hostile regimes in Central America, patterned of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

When it came into office last year, the Reagan administration inherited a situation which was already going downhill. The overthrow of the Somoza dynasty in Nicaragua, long a dependable American client, had caused shock waves throughout Central America; and there were understandable fears that the emergence of a left-wing regime there, headed by the Sandinistas, might be followed by similar upheavals elsewhere. There were already strong guerrilla movements in El Salvador and, increasingly, in Guatemala. Even Honduras, though calmer than the others, seemed threatened. There were fears that a domino effect, beginning in Central America, might extend north into Mexico, and south to the Panama Canal. So it was not surprising that, like the Carter administration, the newcomers should try to draw the line in El Salvador. The difference was that they decided to turn up the rhetoric, presenting El Salvador as a key point of east-west confrontation; and instead of trying to establish a working relationship with left-wing Nicaragua, they cut off aid and treated it as a pariah.

The policy has not worked, however, and the re-thinking *now under way reflects that*. It is true that elections have been held in Honduras and a civilian president elected. In Costa Rica, too, a country with a well established democratic system, there have recently been elections and a peaceful handing over of power. But in El Salvador it has become increasingly clear that the regime is barely able to hold its own against the guerrillas without outside help, and that it has little chance of eliminating them altogether. At the same time the moderates in the government, headed by President Duarte, have been unable to control the excesses committed by the armed forces. It has become evident that nothing will be solved by the elections to be held later this month. It is even possible that things will be made worse, if the rightists who regard Señor Duarte as little better than a communist himself do well.

Perhaps even more critically, the administration has been unable to persuade American public opinion that it was on the right course. The parallels with Vietnam have been uncomfortably close, and there has been a strong wave of opposition to the idea of committing American combat troops. In Congress there has been growing support for a policy of negotiation along the lines proposed by President López Portillo.

The virtue of the Mexican proposals is that they do not simply deal with the crisis in *El Salvador, but aim for a* settlement that will include the Caribbean region as a whole. In the Mexican view there should not just be talks between the two sides in El Salvador, but negotiations between Washington and Nicaragua and between Washington and Cuba. It is too early to say how far the Americans will be prepared to go along those lines, but there is clearly a great deal to be said for the Mexican *approach. It would require* Washington to drop its reservations about having dealings with leftist regimes like Cuba and Nicaragua. It would have to accept the existence of the Sandinista regime, and possibly something similar in El Salvador. But by adopting a more forthcoming approach, it would be able to ensure a more constructive relationship, instead of driving these countries into the arms of the Russians.

DABBLING IN STRUCTURALISM

Whenever relations between nationalized industries and governments become overstrained, ministers reach for proposals for institutional reform. Over the last 10 years there have been more than half-a-dozen white papers recommending a proper institutional framework for stabilizing relations between industries and their sponsoring departments and laying down a framework of financial targets.

Five years ago the problem was handed over to the National Economic Development Office to produce a lengthy report suggesting a radical upheaval in the structure of nationalized industry boards. Last year this government handed the problem to the Think Tank whose conclusions, much watered down by the process of internal Whitehall consultation, have now been thrown into public debate by Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Industry Secretary. The nationalized industries are to be exposed to the fresher airs of the world of private industry by the appointment of more non-executive board members. Their structure is to be tightened with smaller boards and more decentralization. Their financial control is to be improved by the establishment of special units recruited partly from outside in Whitehall. Political control has already been strengthened by the formation of a special Cabinet sub-committee.

The proposals fall far short of the original suggestions by the Think Tank in a report — still shamefully unpublished — which sought a majority of non-executives on state boards, special auditing units in each sponsoring department, and the formal tabling of political as well as financial objectives for each industry. But the Government's intention is clear enough. Indeed it has been the intention of every reform of the kind over the last thirty years: somehow to regularize the relationship between nationalized industries and government in a way that imposes on industries a discipline for efficiency and Ministers a discipline for intervention.

The drawback is that political intervention and economic efficiency are fundamentally incompatible and no amount of tinkering with structures can make them compatible. Each government starts off by saying it wants an arms-length relationship with its charges but then intervenes on pay, wages or prices as events overwhelm it. Each industry says it wants direction and a framework of targets but is quick to blame government rather than itself when protecting its own interests.

Mr Jenkin's proposals are no more than a gesture in this cycle of disdain and obsession. In so far as they do represent any trend it is towards rejecting arms-length arrangements in favour of institutionalized interference, both financial and political. But they do not go very far and for sound reasons. It will certainly help having more commercial expertise in Whitehall to check the industries' books, but constant supervision by parallel units would only duplicate effort and make management in the corporations impossible — the reverse of encouraging efficiency. Few businessmen would want to work for such units and no chairman would tolerate it — and the nationalized industries badly need good top management. More non-executive directors on the boards might also be beneficial — indeed they could help a great many private corporations as well. But to give them the majority on the board would encourage rather than discourage the tendency of state executives to act independently. The board would have the responsibility but the management beneath would have all the knowledge.

There is no other course than to tackle each industry on its own ground. For some public corporations, such as British Steel and British Leyland, the best solution at present seems to be to appoint the best possible chief executive, negotiate financial targets and let him get on with it. In other cases, British Airways for example, denationalization may be the only avenue. In others, such as British Gas, radical restructuring and decentralization may be the course indicated. Playing with board membership and establishing new auditing units is not a substitute for the empiricism that is required.

BY-ELECTION BLOOMS

If you cannot manage a riot, have a by-election. Liverpool, which had a very nasty riot indeed, was awarded £10 million and 4,000 jobs for the development of the Garden Festival of Britain, 1984, on a two-mile stretch of derelict dockland. Glasgow, which to the surprise of some did not have a riot but now has a by-election, was this week awarded a National Industrial Exhibition Centre on another derelict dock on the edge of the constituency of Hillhead. Some £30 million is to be spent, most of it by the Government and public agencies. Initial reaction to the announcement was that it may be a clincher.

Hillhead is a very important by-election, not because the Government's fate or prospects in any way depend upon it, but because the fate of Mr Roy Jenkins and the prospects of the new political alliance which he aspires to lead do to some extent depend upon it. Much once depended also on the by-election in Hull in January 1966: it was the first testing of the water for the general plunge that came two months later and confirmed Mr Harold Wilson's government in office. It was in the course of that by-election campaign that the Minister of Transport, Mrs Barbara Castle, gave provisional approval for the Humber bridge. It was opened last summer, fifteen years and almost £100 million later, a marvel of civil engineering, a thing of beauty when seen from far enough away, but woefully deficient in traffic and revenue, a vast monument to the occasional importance of by-elections.

No one would suggest that the exhibition centre plan was dreamed up for the occasion, just pulled out for the occasion. It has been in gestation for a respectable period of time, chewed over by consultants and advanced by the Scottish Development Agency. So it was with the Humber bridge. The idea was a favourite with regional planners of the day, Hull had promoted a private Bill, there was a board in waiting. But a political jerk is sometimes required to get these great projects off the drawing board and on the way to the receiver. Since the merits of the Glasgow dock reclamation scheme have not yet received detailed study in this office, we are in a position to wish it a better return on its investment than the bridge is yielding.

In the matter of tailored political promises there is much to be learnt from the Irish and in particular their new Prime Minister Mr Charles Haughey or "Gregory's Boy". When office was in the balance earlier this month after the inconclusive election both the main party leaders paid court to Mr Tony Gregory the independent member for Dublin Central, whose single vote in the Dail might be crucial. Mr Haughey put his signature to a long and detailed recital of public and other good works in the city of Dublin, countersigned by the general secretary of Ireland's largest trade union, and costed at 80 million Irish pounds, equivalent to a tenth of the planned budget deficit. He got Mr Gregory's vote, but did not need it. Beside such yawning political frankness, the Secretary of State for Scotland's inability to go further than the Prime Minister is showing a warm interest in saving the Invergordon smelter sounds distinctly coy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US changes on seabed rights

From Dr Barry Buzan and others

Sir, The United States is currently seeking British support for a radical revision of the deep seabed mining provisions at the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. We urge that the Government resist this initiative. The diplomatic record of the United States on this issue is disgraceful.

In the spring of 1981, the new American Administration unilaterally withdrew from the negotiations to review its position. This action was taken at a point where 13 years of talks had all but succeeded in producing a massive package deal on a new law of the sea.

The American Government now declares itself ready to rejoin the negotiations, but will *only support the treaty provided* that six major points of revision on the deep seabed mining provisions are met in full. This ultimatum is not only distasteful in form, but unfair and politically disruptive in substance.

In essence, the Americans are claiming virtually unrestricted access to deep seabed mineral resources for themselves and a right of veto over the activity and development of the proposed International Seabed Authority. They are rejecting thereby nearly all of the delicate compromises in which they participated during the decade following the declaration of the deep seabed as a common heritage of mankind. This rejection endangers not only the future of the whole common heritage idea, but also the larger package of trade-offs in which the seabed issue is merely a part. *To demand such a one-sided* revision at this late stage in the negotiations simply invites the many others who have dissatisfactions with parts of the draft convention to reassert their claims. The American action thus threatens to destroy one of the largest and most significant international legal instruments ever negotiated.

The draft convention contains much by way of offshore and navigation rights that are of great value to this country. Even more important, it offers an agreed, and therefore stable, international legal regime for the use of the oceans. While we do not deny that some amendments to the deep seabed provisions may be desirable, we do not think that the United Kingdom should be associated with these selfish and shortsighted American demands.

Yours sincerely,
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March 13.

Arts Council chairman

From the Secretary-General of the Arts Council of Great Britain

Sir, Peter Plouviez (letter, March 5) suggests that it is disturbing that the new Chairman of the Arts Council is also Vice-Chairman of the BBC. I, on the contrary, find it distinctly encouraging, since I have been working to develop closer links between the Arts Council and the broadcasting organisations for some time.

I can see no conflict of interest here but only a meeting of complementary interests, since the BBC and ourselves are the two largest subsidizers of the arts in Great Britain, and are both in the business of making the arts more widely accessible.

As I said when Sir William Rees-Mogg was appointed, his past and present experience of the media will be invaluable to the Arts Council.

Yours faithfully,
ROY SHAW, Secretary-General,
Arts Council of Great Britain,
105 Piccadilly, W1.
March 15.

Ecosystems

From Dr A. S. Thomas

Sir, Congratulations on printing a summary of Professor Dunnet's protest (March 10). There is no such thing as a natural ecosystem, for the fallacious concept overlooks movement and migration of all types of animals, precluding them from living in a *cosy balance with the plants. Man* himself was a migrant until cultivated crops facilitated sedentary life.

Artificial ecosystems seem possible. There are reports from America of sealed containers where shrimps and seaweeds live *in* balance. And in Britain there are the offices in which self-styled ecologists sit, not working in the field, which is true ecology, but reading and regurgitating the ideas of other people.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR THOMAS,
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March 10.

Elgar concerto cellist

From Mr K. Shiukong Lai

Sir, I would like to point out one small mistake in William Mann's review on the Barbican Centre opening concert (March 4 and 5). He said that we had a Japanese soloist in the Elgar Cello Concerto but in fact the cellist, Yo Yo Ma, was born in France of Chinese parents.

Small though the difference is, it does represent a widespread fallacy in the West to think all the "de luxe" exports from the East only come from the "Origin of the Sun".

Yours faithfully,
K. SHIUKONG LAI,
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March 6.

Underlying issues in the Liverpool protest

From the Reverend T. A. Gardiner

Sir, We are now being told that the sectarian demonstration at Liverpool has made the churches on Merseyside more determined on unity than ever. What a pity! Oecumenical endeavour is so wasteful of time and energy, so sapping to the religious imagination. It is irrelevant to our world, unlikely to affect the quality of life for good or ill.

The real religious questions that face us today are as uncomfortable as they are pressing. They are: How can we speak in any meaningful way about God in and to our times? How can we become as aware of him as former generations were, as their record of "spirituality" testifies?

Do the other great world religions, as we come to know them better, add anything to our experience? *How are we to arrive* at, in a world of ethical flux, forms of behaviour that are balanced, socially satisfying and self-commendatory?

Unwillingness to face these issues and industriousness in *those of minor importance* have made contemporary Christianity inward-looking and visionless. The jibe of E. M. Forster, "poor, talkative and little", has never been more difficult to refute.

Our church leaders, whose minds are either blinkered, timid, or just dull, make no contribution to the uncomfortable questions and make sure their customers are too busy to notice them. Is this because they know the theologians have not yet come up with any convincing and comfortable answers?

There are profound difficulties for faith today, as reflective *people, frequently not churchgoers*, will testify. These arise from the fact that we can get little or no help from our pre-scientific past, of which our present churches are products. The brutal fact is that the Pope, and those who would so ardently keep him out, are themselves relics of that period. Their unelevating jostling will provide the media with some colourful material, but nobody seriously thinks that it is in any sense central to life.

Religious thought desperately needs new models. Church leaders seem to think that all we need is some fresh shop-window dressing: put new clothes (modern services) on the dummies (the sects) and let them be seen as all standing close together, looking at one another. Alas. It is far more serious than that. We need new dummies and we should consign the old ones to the limbo of things best forgotten.

Yours etc,
TOM GARDINER,
Brentwood School,
Brentwood,
Essex.
March 15.

From Mr D. E. L. Crane

Sir, The instinct of all sane men, of course, when the great and good conspire to make soft and *smooth sounds* in matters of religion, is to ally themselves with the malevolent. The combination of your worthily indignant leader today (March 13) and the ineffably silly photograph of two bishops holding hands in simpering amity on the following page is too much for me.

Perhaps it should be said that proper religion is a matter of extremes, as it is, for instance, for Mr Paisley. We are set between heaven and hell; we have to make the choice of everlasting bliss or eternal torment; it is vital to this end to know what is *genuinely the Christian revelation.*

If none of these things really matters; if the stakes are not high; if Almighty God is a nice reasonable chap who would not see anyone tormented for eternity, then religion can afford to be an extension of the Social Democratic Party and one of the adornments of civilized life. But if the stakes are indeed high and if Almighty God turns out not to be a social democrat, then Mr Paisley, for all that he is a heretic, is not so deeply deceived as those two cuddly bishops.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CRANE,
Department of English,
University of Durham,
Elvet Riverside, Durham.

Not black and white

From Dr P. A. J. Waddington

Sir, Critics of the decision by the Metropolitan Police to release figures on the disproportionate involvement of blacks in street crimes should explain why this information is any less acceptable than that which showed blacks to be disproportionately victimised by whites.

In November, not only was no objection raised to the collection of information on the ethnic group membership of inter-racial attackers and their victims, these figures were enthusiastically embraced as supporting the contention of black groups that they were the targets of white racism. No mention then of the small proportion of the total crime rate represented by such attacks. The fact that these self-same figures also showed that blacks and Asians committed proportionately *more* racially-motivated attacks went unobserved.

It was right that public attention should have been drawn to the prevalence of inter-racial attacks, just as it is now right to *draw public attention to the* problem of "mugging". Since the police have been vociferously accused of racial harassment in places such as Brixton, it is necessary to have the evidence which shows whether their actions have been justified or not.

Yours faithfully,
P. A. J. WADDINGTON,
Department of Sociology,
University of Reading,
Whiteknights, Reading.

From Mr Tom Rees

Sir, There has been much speculation in your columns and elsewhere about the reasons for the steep increase in the number of robberies and "thefts from the person" in London. The police are, it seems, attempting to pin the blame on Lord Scarman, on the grounds that his report and recommendations have weakened their capacity to act vigorously. The evidence suggests that the problem predates Lord Scarman's report and that its origins go much deeper than the way the police operate.

The Home Office, where I was responsible for the programme of research on race relations from 1977 to 1981, published in 1979 an important study by Stevens and Willis entitled *Race, Crime and Arrests*. This showed that there was a strong relationship between unemployment and crime rates in the London area, and that unemployment, rather than the racial composition of an area, was the best predictor of crime. Young blacks were cer*tainly involved in street crimes to* a disproportionate extent; at the same time they suffered from unemployment to a degree which put them in a different category from the rest of the population. Since then unemployment has of course, risen steeply. Unemployment is not an excuse for criminal behaviour nor even a sufficient explanation; but it probably gets us much nearer understanding it than an explanation couched in terms of police behaviour.

Robberies and other violent thefts were increasing before Lord Scarman came on the scene. His report points to the social consequences of an aggressive police response to the rise in street crime. It must be clear that without an effective programme to tackle unemployment among the young, and particularly the *young blacks who are bearing the* brunt of inner city unemployment, tough policing is likely to backfire. If our main answer to the distress signals which are emanating so clearly from the poorer parts of our older cities is an attempt to bottle up the population, we are likely to end up with an even nastier set of civil disorders than those we have already experienced. It is worth remembering that virtually all last year's riots were multi-racial affairs.

Yours faithfully,
TOM REES,
Spring Farm Vineyard,
Moorlynch,
Bridgwater, Somerset.

Abhorrent blacklists

From Mr Marius Goring

Sir, Now that our law is administered from Strasbourg and our conscience from Lake Success should we not consider the competence of our new judges? Had those sitting in the European Court ever faced a bright-eyed mob of Glasgow irks they might have earned the right to fine a Scottish teacher £1,500 and degrade a British Government to stand surety, as might those in the United Nations had they experienced the loneliness of countless black people in South Africa, to complete the isolation by cutting off all contact with the outside world.

Blacklists have always been abhorrent to those who value liberty, containing names of Jews, freemasons, troublemakers, missionaries — those against whom no charges can be proved: the boycotting compilers wash their hands, complacent in virtue.

Arthur Ashe played tennis in South Africa and caused the maximum embarrassment by insisting on following every detail of *apartheid* protocol imposed on the less famous.

Dusty Springfield's arrival in the country was loudly acclaimed; she spoke her mind, forcing the authorities, as noisily, to deport her.

Dame Sybil Thorndyke was tactfully reminded that performances were segregated: "Splendid!" she replied, "Lewis and I are playing the black ones."

Such gallant spirits can be aptly named blacklists. Gleneagles, what crimes are committed in thy name!

Yours etc,
MARIUS GORING,
The Garrick Club,
Garrick Street, WC2.
March 12.

Belvoir coalfield

From Professor A. D. Bradshaw

Sir, The letter from Mr Madron Seligman, MEP, and others (March 5) shows that the environmental impact of coalmining continues to be a source of worry. The trouble is the evidence provided by the coal industry which suggests, despite certain exceptions, that mining must always produce substantial *disturbance and aggressive spoil* heaps. Yet this is far from necessary. There is a whole range of modern scientific techniques whereby land used for spoil disposal can be rapidly restored to agriculture, forestry, wild life or other uses.

These techniques can be applied progressively, so that at any one time only a small area of land is used for tipping. Other countries manage this. It is high time that we insisted on the same, as is suggested in the Flowers report. Then we can develop our mineral resources *and* keep an attractive countryside. Unfortunately the National Coal Board is still, unnecessarily, its own worst enemy.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. BRADSHAW,
Department of Botany,
University of Liverpool.

British voting on EEC elections

From Lord Douro, MEP for Surrey (Conservative)

Sir, Your leader of March 13 on the electoral system to be used for the European elections stated that British MEPs were almost alone in voting against the regional list system *proposed in* the resolution voted on last week. In fact, it is interesting and significant that 28 non-British members voted against the resolution and of those 10 were Liberals. This compares with 15 Liberals who voted in favour. Thus the political *group which* has most stridently espoused a uniform electoral procedure for the European elections is completely divided on the system now proposed.

The European Democratic Group in the European Parliament *is opposed to* the regional list system, not only because it removes the direct relationship between the voter and his personal representative in Strasbourg, but also because it is open to too much abuse. We have seen these abuses since the first European elections in 1979, when list systems were used in several member states. For example, it is possible for leaders of national political parties to stand for election and then never take their seat or rarely attend. It is possible for members to resign and be replaced by someone from the *same* party *without* any reference to the electorate.

These abuses damage the democratic credentials of the European Parliament.

The European Democratic Group was prepared to support a uniform electoral procedure, but we believe the system proposed is wrong and should be rejected by the Council of Ministers.

Yours faithfully,
DOURO,
Apsley House,
Piccadilly, W1.
March 15.

Mansion House plans

From Mr A. A. Wood

Sir, The British, or more accurately the English, are probably at their environmentally most unattractive when they (mindlessly?) import alien forms into their towns and cities, and especially into the postwar damaged City of London. Mr John Harris (March 12) is quite right to complain that the thinking behind the Palumbo scheme merely echoes the sterility of the St Paul's Cathedral piazza (*sic*).

The City, like most English cities, was never a place of monumental spaces, being traditionally more companionable in its original layout and architecture. Even the postwar architec*tural excesses which have helped* the capital to lose its looks are more capable of being assimilated into the tightly knit fabric of the City, at least from ground level, for the very reason that they are not displayed in the kind of desolate space typified by the St *Paul's piazza.*

L'affaire Palumbo is not, in my view, really a matter of whether good Victorian buildings should give way to Mies's tower (doubtless more stylish than most) but rather a question of whether we should agree to another bleak international space in place of the English close grain of the City.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED A. WOOD,
County Planner and Architect,
West Midlands County Council,
County Hall,
1 Lancaster Circus,
Queensway,
Birmingham.
March 12.

Countryside cooperation

From Mr Hew Watt

Sir, "*Gulf* exposed *between* countryside lobbies" (report, March 9) may have been true at the London Conference of National Parks recently, but is far removed from reality in the countryside today.

During the run up to the Wildlife and Countryside Bill all extremists had a field day, but now it is an Act positive and constructive cooperation is happening on the ground.

Mr MacEwen may castigate our Ministry of Agriculture advisers for helping us farmers make money as well as increase *indigenous food production*, but it is this money that has given him his wildlife and landscape for free in the past.

If only British Leyland, British Steel and British Airways had had the same high standard of advisers as we *farmers*, then the nation would be able to increase the 14p per person, per year that now funds Government countryside and conservation agencies.

Yours faithfully,
HEW WATT,
Heath Place,
Orsett, Grays,
Essex.
March 10.

Service faults

From Mr E. M. Pinkney

Sir, Saturday's church notices have provided a long appreciated mine of amusement caused by mild Latin misspellings (all unsuitable for quotation here, a family newspaper) and strange musicological discoveries.

I was surprised to find myself billed to direct a performance of a curious work, Victoria's *St Matt. Passion* (Schütz) and later to edify the godly in Mayfair with an account of "O clap your hands ye gibbons", composed by Orlando People.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD MAYNARD PINKNEY,
18 Dillingburgh Road,
Eastbourne.
March 11.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 16: The Sultan of Oman arrived in London today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace.

His Majesty arrived at Gatwick Airport, London.

The following are names of the Suite in attendance: His Highness *Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood* Al Said (Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs), His Highness Sayyid Faisal bin Ali Al Said (Minister for National Heritage and Culture), His Excellency Qais Abdul Munim Al Zawawi (Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs), His Excellency Yussuf Al-Allowi Abdulla (Minister of State for Foreign Affairs), Brigadier Ali Majid Al Ma'amari (First Aide-de-Camp and President of the Palace Office), Lieutenant-Colonel Ibrahim Sulayim Al Kalbani (Royal Guard Brigade) and Lieutenant-Colonel Doctor Rasheed Ahmed (Personal Physician to His Majesty).

The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by His Excellency the Ambassador of Oman, welcomed The Sultan of Oman on behalf of The Queen.

His Majesty was then received by: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of West Sussex), Lieutenant-General Richard Trant (Commander South East District), Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson (Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Strike Command, Royal Air Force) and Mr Norman Payne (Chairman, British Airports Authority).

A Guard of Honour of The Queen's Colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force, with The Queen's Colour for the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom and the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, under the command of Squadron Leader David Bills was mounted at the Airport.

A Salute was fired in Hyde Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, under the command of Major Malcolm Wallace.

At Gatwick Railway Station the following members of the British Suite, who have been specially attached to The Sultan of Oman, were presented: the Viscount Boyne (Lord-in-Waiting), Mr Duncan Slater (British Ambassador at Muscat) and Squadron Leader Adam Wise (Equerry in Waiting).

The Sultan of Oman, accompanied by The Duke of Gloucester, travelled by special train to Victoria Railway Station.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with the Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, The Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Kent, met His Majesty at Victoria Station.

There were also present at the Railway Station: the Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury), the Right Hon William Whitelaw, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), the Lord Carrington (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin (Chief of the Defence Staff), Admiral Sir Henry Leach (Chief of the Naval Staff), General Sir Edwin Bramall (Chief of the General Staff), Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham (Chief of the Air Staff), Major-General Desmond Langley (Commander London District), Sir David McNee (Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis), the Right Hon the Chairman of the Greater London Council and the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Colonel Andrew Hartigan, The Life Guards (Silver Stick in Waiting) and Colonel James Dunsmure, Scots Guards (Field Officer in Brigade Waiting) were present.

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards with The Queen's Company Colour, the Band of the Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major Patrick Holcroft, was mounted at Victoria Railway Station.

A Salute was fired from the Tower of London Saluting Battery by the Honourable Artillery Company, under the command of Captain Graham Nell.

The Sultan of Oman was conducted to his Carriage by the Earl of Westmorland (Master of the Horse) and, accompanied by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, travelled to Buckingham Palace, a Carriage Procession having been formed in the following order:

FIRST CARRIAGE
THE QUEEN
THE SULTAN OF OMAN
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

SECOND CARRIAGE
Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood Al Said
Sayyid Faisal bin Ali Al Said
The Duke of Gloucester
The Master of the Horse

THIRD CARRIAGE
Mr Qais Abdul Munim Al Zawawi
Mr Yussuf Al-Allowi Abdulla
The Countess of Airlie
The Viscount Boyne

FOURTH CARRIAGE
Brigadier Ali Majid Al Ma'amari
The Ambassador of Oman
Lieutenant-Colonel Ibrahim Sulayim Al Kalbani
Mr Duncan Slater

FIFTH CARRIAGE
Lieutenant-Colonel Doctor Rasheed Ahmed
Squadron Leader Adam Wise
Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland

MOTOR CAR
The Crown Equerry

The Carriage Procession was accompanied by a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, under the command of Major John Carr-Ellison, The Blues and Royals.

The route of the Procession was lined by the Armed Forces.

The Queen's Guard of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards with The Queen's Colour and accompanied by the Band of the Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major Oliver Breakwell, was mounted in the Quadrangle at Buckingham Palace.

The Mistress of the Robes, the Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Steward and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance in the Grand Hall of Buckingham Palace upon the arrival of The Sultan of Oman.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms and The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty in the Grand Hall. A detachment of the Household Cavalry, dismounted, was also on duty.

The Queen invested The Sultan of Oman with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Civil Division of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and His Majesty presented to Her Majesty the Order of Al Said.

The Sultan of Oman this afternoon at St James's Palace, received an Address of Welcome by the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster.

Afterwards The Sultan of Oman drove to Westminster Abbey where His Majesty laid a Wreath on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a State Banquet this evening in honour of The Sultan of Oman at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince and the Princess of Wales, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were present.

The following had the honour of being invited:

Suite of The Sultan of Oman
His Highness Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood Al Said (Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs).
His Highness Sayyid Faisal bin Ali Said (Minister for National Heritage and Culture).
His Excellency Qais Abdul Munim Al Zawawi (Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs).
His Excellency Yussuf Al-Allowi Abdulla (Minister of State for Foreign Affairs).
His Excellency Brigadier Ali Majid Al Ma'amari (First Aide-de-Camp and President of the Palace Office).
Lieutenant-Colonel Ibrahim Sulayim Al Kalbani (Royal Guard Brigade).
Lieutenant-Colonel Doctor Rasheed Ahmed (Personal Physician to His Majesty).

Specially Attached in Attendance upon The Sultan of Oman
The Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting).
Mr Duncan Slater (British Ambassador at Muscat) and Mrs Slater.
Squadron Leader Adam Wise (Equerry in Waiting).

Unofficial Party of The Sultan of Oman
Brigadier J. T. W. Landon (Special Adviser to The Sultan) and Mrs Landon.
Dr Omar Zawawi (Special Adviser to The Sultan).
General Sir Timothy Creasey (Chief of Defence Staff, Sultanate of Oman) and Lady Creasey.
His Excellency Sheikh Ahmed Sultan Al Hosni (Deputy President in Diwan of Protocol of The Sultan).

Ambassadors and High Commissioners
His Excellency the High Commissioner for Mauritius and Lady Teelock.
His Excellency the Ambassador of Oman and Mrs Narjis Habib.
His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador and Madame Vaes.
His Excellency the Chinese Ambassador and Madame Chang Ming.
His Excellency the Ambassador of the Somali Democratic Republic and Mrs Elmi.
His Excellency the Saudi Arabian Ambassador and Madame Almanqour.
His Excellency the Ambassador of the State of Bahrain and Shaikha Al-Khalifa.
His Excellency the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait and Madame Al-Rayes.
His Excellency the Pakistan Ambassador and Begum Ali Arshad.
His Excellency the Indonesian Ambassador and Mrs Arifin.
His Excellency the Tunisian Ambassador and Madame Bouzayen.

Members of The Oman Embassy
Mr Dawood Hamden Al-Hamdan (First Secretary) and Mrs Al-Hamdan.
Mr Salim Mohamed Al Wohaibi (First Secretary).

The Cabinet
The Lord Chancellor and the Hon Mary Hogg.
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher.
The Lord President of the Council and Mrs Pym.
The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Lady Carrington.
The Secretary of State for Education and Science.
The Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Whitelaw.
The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Geoffrey Young.

Special Invitations
The Archbishop of Canterbury.
The Right Hon the Speaker.
The Earl Marshal and the Duchess of Norfolk.
The Lord and Lady Manton.
The Lord Selsdon.
The Baroness Phillips.
The Lord and Lady Byers.
The Lord and Lady Peart.
The Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.
The Lord Chief Justice of England and Lady Lane.
The Right Hon Gordon and Mrs Richardson.
The Right Hon David Steel, MP.
The Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP.
Admiral Sir Henry and Lady Leach.
General Sir Edwin and Lady Bramall.
Sir Michael and Lady Palliser.
Sir Geoffrey Arthur.
Sir John and Lady Burgh.
Sir David and Lady Willcocks.
Sir David and Lady McNee.
Sir Frederick and Lady Page.
Sir Ian and Lady Trethowan.
Sir Peter and Lady Baxendell.
Major-General and Mrs Desmond Langley.
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster.
Major-General and Mrs Kenneth Perkins.
Major-General The O'Morchoe and Madam O'Morchoe.
Mr and Mrs Horace Francis.
Mr and Mrs Peter Mason.
Mr and Mrs Gordon Calver.
Mr and Mrs George Hazell.
Colonel and Mrs A. R. Kettles.
Mr and Mrs Andrew Knight.
Mr and Mrs Patrick McAfee.
The Reverend Philip and Mrs Romans.
Mr and Mrs Campbell Semple.
Professor and Mrs R. B. Serjeant.
Mr and Mrs Kenneth Scott.
Mr and Mrs Peter Walters.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Households in Waiting were in attendance.

Detachments of The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard and the Household Cavalry, dismounted, were on duty.

The Orchestra of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Major D. R. Kimberley, and the Pipers of the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, under the direction of Pipe Major J. J. Riddell, played selections of music during and after the Banquet.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, this morning visited the new Regimental Headquarters at Wellington Barracks.

Major the Hon Andrew Wigram was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presided at a meeting of the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member of the Tiger Club, attended the 'Dawn to Dusk' Reunion and Prizegiving at the Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, W1.

Mr Richard Davies was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Avon (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir Olaf Caroe (formerly Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, India) which was held at St James's Church, Piccadilly this morning.



Princess Grace of Monaco at the Chichester Festival Theatre yesterday where she read poetry and prose with Mr John Westbrook (centre) as part of the theatre's twenty-first anniversary celebrations. They are accompanied by Mr Patrick Garland, the artistic director.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. B. Q. Back and Miss C. P. Hutton
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Q. Back, of Sisland, Norfolk, and Paris, twin daughter of Captain and Mrs Ronald Hutton, of Langley, Norfolk.

Mr M. W. M. Bridger and Miss M. F. Endersby
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Dr and Mrs W. E. W. Bridger, of Wells, Somerset, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. P. Carpenter, of Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr M. D. Owen and Miss L. A. Powell
The engagement is announced between Martin Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs D. Owen, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Linda Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Powell, of Stannington, Northumberland.

Dr M. J. Richards and Dr R. K. Evans
The engagement is announced between Michael John, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Richards, of 4 Combe Road, Portishead, Bristol, and Rosemary Kyffin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ancrum Evans, of Harpley House, Clifton-on-Teme, Worcester.

Mr D. G. Weiland and Miss H. M. Elliott
The engagement is announced between Douglas Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Weiland, of Bookham, Surrey, and Hilary Margaret, daughter of Canon and Mrs Colin Elliott, of Windermere, Cumbria.

Birthdays today



Baroness Hornsby-Smith, who is 68.

Sir Donald Barron, 61; Lady (Megan) Bull, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 66; Lord Granville-West, 78; Major-General Sir Edmund Hakewill Smith, 86; Sir Arthur Hockaday, 56; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbiniere, 79; Mr Robin Knox-Johnson, 43; the Earl of Lauderdale, 71; Mr John Lill, 38; Mrs P. M. Lively, 49; Mr Rudolf Nureyev, 43; Sir Patrick Reilly, 73; Dr Raymond Rickett, 55.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens, given in honour of M Edgard Pisani, European Community Development Commissioner.

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House given in honour of Chief Patrick Bolokor, Minister of State for External Affairs of Nigeria.

Anglo-Austrian Society
Sir John Langford-Holt, MP, chairman of the Anglo-Austrian Society, gave a luncheon yesterday at the House of Commons to welcome Dr Reginald Thomas, the new Austrian Ambassador, and Mme Thomas. The other guests included:
Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, Mr Norbert Burda, Lord Caccia (president), Dr Georg Callice, Lord Campbell of Croy, Sir William Clark, MP, Dr Hans Demel, Miss Anne Ellis, Mr Walter J. Foster, Mr Robert Gold, Mr Donald Gordon, Mr Ernest Hoch, Lord Irving of Dartford, Mr James Johnson, MP, Dr Maurice Miller, MP, Mr H. T. Morgan, Mr Tom Normanton, MP, MEP, Sir John Pilcher, Lady Sempill and Dr Bernhard Stillfried.

Law Society
The President of the Law Society, Mr Denis Marshall, was host at a luncheon held at 60 Carey Street yesterday. The guests included the High Commissioner for Canada.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
A luncheon was held for the court and livery of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders at Pewterers' Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr F. R. Ostick, presided and the guest speaker was the Rev F. P. Coleman. Mr J. J. Adler has been elected master of the company for the coming year and the wardens will be Mr D. D. Merton, Mr H. E. P. Spearing, Mr G. E. S. Widdowson and Mr L. A. Chapuis.

Lieutenancy of Borders Region
The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, Lord Lieutenant of Borders Region (Roxburgh, Etterick and Lauderdale), and the Duchess of Buccleuch were entertained at luncheon by the deputy lieutenants at Selkirk on March 14.

Reception

Dragon School
A reception was held at Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, yesterday evening to mark the launching of the Dragon School Appeal, 1982. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr M. T. D. Womersley, and Mrs Womersley and the headmasters, Mr R. K. Ingram and Mr M. W. A. Gover, welcomed the vice-presidents of the appeal.

Dinner

British College of Ophthalmic Opticians
The first dinner of the British College of Ophthalmic Opticians (Optometrists) was held last night at the City Livery Club, Sion College, London, EC4. Mr P J Cole, President of the college, presided. The guest of honour was Mr Lorimer Fison, President of the Faculty of Ophthalmologists, and other guests included Dame Mary Green, Mrs Jill Knight, MP, Mr Charles Cook, Professor John Frisby and Mr R T Pine.

Service dinner

Birmingham University Air Squadron
Birmingham University Air Squadron held its annual dinner last night at RAF Cosford. The Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader A. W. Semple, presided and the principal guest was the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham. Other guests included:
The Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, the Commander in Chief RAF Support Command, the Vice-Chancellors of Keele and Aston universities, and the AOC and Commandant, RAF College, Cranwell.

Memorial service

Sir Olaf Caroe
The Queen was represented by the Earl of Avon at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Olaf Caroe held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. The Earl of Selkirk, QC, read the lesson and Sir Percival Griffiths gave an address. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir John Stow and the Diplomatic Service by Mr M. St E. Burton. Others present included:
Mr and Mrs Richard Caroe (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Michael Caroe (son), Mr Alban Caroe (brother), Mr and Mrs Peter Caroe, Mrs J Eykin and Miss Celia Caroe (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Martin Caroe, Miss Mary Crasler, Lady Adrian, Mr Simon Rendall, Sir Edmund and the Hon Lady Stockdale, Mrs George Rawstorne, Mr and Mrs Alastair Stewart-Richardson.
The Countess of Selkirk, Lord Greenhill of Harrow (president, Royal Society for Asian Affairs) with Sir Arthur de la Mare (chairman), Lord and Lady Trevelyan, Lord and Lady Cullen of Ashbourne, Lord Denman, Sir Cyril Pickard (Tibet Society), Sir Gilbert Laithwaite, Sir Peter Scott, Sir Ian Scott (Indian Civil Service Association), Sir Algernon Rumbold, Sir Graham Rowlandson (Conservative Commonwealth and Overseas Council), Sir John Tilney, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Sir Eric Norris, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir Derek Riches, Mr John and Lady Hersey Goring, Dr A D MacIntyre (representing the President and Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford), Mr and Mrs Martin Moynihan, Mrs Michael Robinson, Mr Amedee Turner, QC, MEP, and Mrs Turner, Mr James Moorhouse, MEP, and Mrs Moorhouse, Mrs Lionel Jardine, Mr and Mrs J G W Bushell, Mr H V Hodson, Mr Eric Smith, Captain and Mrs H Dalrymple-Smith, Professor C F Beckingham, Lieutenant-Colonel T J Burnaby-Atkins, Mr B C Bloomfield, Mr H H Marshall, QC, Brigadier H E Cubitt-Smith, Major Guy Weymouth (representing The Queen's Regiment), Mr Michael Maclagan (Sub-Warden also representing the Warden and Fellows of Winchester College), Mr David Page (Eastern Service, BBC), Mr A Burton-Stibbon (vice-president, Union Boudhique d'Europe), Mrs Edward de la Motte, Miss Marinel FitzSimons, Miss Tamara Stokes, Lieutenant-Colonel G S De Gaury, Mr Colin Rees-Jenkins and Mrs M LeRoy-Lewis.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

Macmaster, Mrs May, of Stourbridge, West Midlands £243,534
Moore, Mr Ralph Ommanney, of Woking Surrey £377,684
Thomas, Mr Reginald Alexander Beaumont, of Patcham, Brighton £619,751
Turner, Mr William Edward Smout, of Southall, south-west London, stonemason.......£500,302
Verdon-Smith, Lady, of Wells, Somerset, widow of Sir William Verdon-Smith £635,226

University news

Crowther-Hunt elected rector

Lord Crowther-Hunt, a former minister, has been elected rector of Exeter College, Oxford, from October 1. He succeeds Mr Greig Barr, aged 64, who is to retire at the end of September after 10 years in office.

Lord Crowther-Hunt, aged 62, a life peer, has been a fellow and lecturer in politics at Exeter College since 1962.

Sir John Pennycuick

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Pennycuick will be held at the Temple Church, on Monday, March 22, at 4.45 pm.

Latest appointments

Major-General Ian Baker to be college secretary of University College London from September 1, in succession to Mr John Tovell, who is to retire.

Gold medals herald colourful spring

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

Seven gold medals have been awarded at the Royal Horticultural Society's early spring show, held in conjunction with the British Orchid Growers' Association's show, in the New and Old Halls, Westminster. The New Hall contains colourful and interesting exhibits of spring-flowering plants and paintings, while the Old Hall is devoted to orchids.

South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, was awarded its gold medal for a colourful and well displayed collection of trees, *shrubs and other plants, giving a* foretaste of plants to colour our gardens in the weeks ahead.

A gold medal in the Lindley range was well deserved by Mr R. A. Wooster, of Milton Keynes, for an impeccable display of pans of *Primula allionii*.

Three gold medals were given to artists for their paintings. Mrs Dorothy Bovey, of Lutterworth, received hers for delightful watercolours of Australian and English flowering plants, Mrs Elizabeth Cameron, of Munlochy, Ross-Shire, won hers for an interesting collection of rhododendron paintings, showing flowers, foliage and bark, and Ms Lys de Bray was awarded her gold medal for an interesting collection of illustration with Shakespearean connotations.

McBeans Orchids, of Lewes, received a gold for a large and magnificent display of orchids, including the genera paphiopedilum, cymbidium, odontioda, oncidium, and odontoglossum, with special emphasis on miniature cymbidiums for growing as pot plants. Part of the private collection of Eric Young, of St Helier, Jersey, also won a gold medal; this is an excellent display of hybrids of superb quality, many of them rarieties and raised *by Mr Young*.

The committees gave awards of merit to the following plants: *Edgeworthia chrysantha rubra*, orange and white, from Mrs K. Dryden, of Sawbridgeworth; *Primula modesta*, pinky-mauve, and *Draba longisiliqua*, yellow, both from The Director, The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; *Cymbidium* Highland Lassie 'Jersey', pink, from Mr E. E. Young, of St Helier, Jersey; *Odontoglossum* Royal Occasion 'Lyoth Purity', white, yellow spotted, from Charlesworth & Co *(division of McBeans), of Lewes; Cymbidium* Western Highlands 'Ice Green', pale green, from McBeans, of Lewes; and *Dendrobium superbum album* 'Wyld Court', white, from Wyld Court Orchids, of Newbury.

The RHS Camellia and Rhodo*dendron competitions* had few entries because of the vad weather. In the former classes Mr and Mrs D. R. Strauss, of *Ardingly, West Sussex, were* consistent prizewinners, as was Mr R. N. Stephenson Clarke, of Haywards Heath, in the latter competition.

Entries in the British Orchid Show competition were to a high standard with many entries. *Among the priziwinners were* Mr F. W. Smith, of Wellingborough, for the grand championship plant, awarded the BOGA Perpetual Challenge Trophy, *with Cattleya* Virtue 'Mem Wm Stirling'; Mr E. E. Young, of St Helier, McBean Cymbidium Perpetual Challenge Trophy; Mr Haynes, of Derby, R. & E. Ratcliffe Trophy for six paphiopedilums; Mr Winland, of Wimbledon, Lyoth Perpetual Challenge Trophy for six odontoglossums; and Mr D. Oakey, of Banstead, Sidney Tharp Perpetual Challenge Trophy for *group of orchids and ornamental* plants.

The shows are o;en today from 10 am to 5 pm.

OBITUARY

MAJ-GEN CLAUD PERT

Bold use of armour in decisive Burma battle

Lord Patrick Beresford writes:

There are many reasons for remembering Claud Pert, who died peacefully at Windsor on March 14. His career as a soldier was gallant and distinguished, his marriage enduring and successful, his association with the sport of polo lengthy and influential, but perhaps most significantly of all his character throughout a very full life was entirely unblemished and enormously respected. The warmth of his smile, the width of his eyes and the wealth of his welcome are features that will not be easily forgotten. He was the perfect antidote to deceit or pomposity, he very rarely and only with the utmost regret spoke ill of others, and never with any justification could others speak ill of him.

Claud was born in India in 1898, the third son of a Commissioner in the Indian Civil Service. In 1917 he became an officer in the 15th Lancers, one of the most famous regiments of the Indian Army, and in 1919 married Emma, the great grand-daughter of a former Commander-in-Chief, India. It was to be a partnership only broken by Emma's death 61 years later.

Everything in their lives they shared. Together they knew the heat of the plains, the cool of the hills, the pageantry of the durbar, the peace of long sea-voyages back to England, the thrill of Claud's polo successes — by the age of 29 he had achieved a handicap of 8 goals and had played for England at Meadowbrook against America.

When war came, and Claud led first his Regiment (Probyn's Horse, to which he had transferred in 1937) and then his Brigade (255 Armoured) deep into Burma, Emma, as a high-ranking FANY, was never far behind. She was in Kohima when the Japanese surrounded it, reducing the perimeter to a mere 500 yards by 500 yards, and she arrived in Meiktila soon after Claud's bold handling of his Sherman tanks had played a vital part in what was to prove the most decisive battle of the entire campaign.

In 1945 Claud was promoted major-general. Three years later, on independence, he handed over as Director India Armoured Corps to his Indian successor, and retired to farm in Ireland. In 1957 he became polo manager to the rapidly expanding Guards Polo Club at Windsor, a position he was to fill with the greatest tact and skill until 1975, in which year he insisted on resigning in deference to increasing old age.

TAJ-OL-MOLOUK PAHLAVI

Taj-ol-Molouk Pahlavi, formerly Empress of Iran and the mother of the late Shah, died on March 10 in Acapulco, Mexico at the age of 90.

She was the widow of Reza Shah, the founder of the Pahlavi dynasty, who from obscure beginnings as a private soldier in the Cossack Brigade in the opening years of this century rose to become a colonel and to seize the supreme power in Persia. In 1921 Reza Khan, as he then was, led his brigade to Tehran, thus initiating the coup which overthrew the government. As a result he became commander-in-chief, a seizure of actual power consolidated in his accession to the throne as Shah of Iran in 1925.

As his Empress, Taj-ol-Molouk Pahlavi played a retiring role in a period when her husband initiated the Westernizing influences continued by his late son, though she did appear in public unveiled as part of her husband's campaign to abolish Islamic tradition on this and other matters. Reza Shah, deposed after the entry of British and Russian forces into his country in September 1941, died in Johannesburg in 1944.

BRIGADIER C. F. O. BREESE

Brigadier C. F. O. Breese, CBE, who had a distinguished career in the Army died on March 9 at the age of 66.

Charles Fred Osborne Breese, the son of Squadron Leader G. F. Breese, DSC, was born on January 1, 1916 and educated at Magdalen College, Brackley, and RMC Sandhurst.

He was commissioned into The Border Regiment in 1935, and served at home and in Palestine with the regiment before the Second World War. In 1942-43 he was on the staff of HQ Combined Operations, and on the planning staff for the Invasion of Sicily in 1943. He fought at Arnhem with his regiment in 1944, being given command of "Breeseforce", composed of mixed units, responsible for the defence of part of the 1st Airborne Division's Perimeter at Oosterbeek. After recovering from wounds, he commanded the 1st Battalion of the Regiment at the Liberation of Norway in 1945, and in Germany 1945-46.

After the war he did tours of regimental duty with The Border and Parachute Regiments. He was twice on the staff of the School of Land/Air Warfare, and from 1952 to 1954 was the British Liaison Officer with the American Airborne Forces. He commanded 17th Bn The Parachute Regiment (TA) 1956-58. In 1961 he was sent to Ghana on Special Employment as a brigadier. He retired from the Army in 1966. He was awarded the American Distinguished Service Cross in 1944, King Haakon VII Liberation Cross 1945, and was appointed CBE in 1962.

In 1966 he was co-founder of Westlers Foods Ltd of Malton, Yorkshire. In 1975, he was appointed honorary Colonel of the 4th (Volunteer) Bn The Parachute Regiment, which he relinquished in February 1982.

He married, in 1939, Mhora, daughter of A. J. Campbell-Colquhoun and is survived by his wife and one son and three daughters.

DR GERTRUDE DEARNLEY

Dr Gertrude Dearnley, MD, FRCOG, the well-known gynaecological surgeon, died on March 14. She had been gynaecological surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, Wembley, and Hornsey Central Hospital, and also surgeon to the Marie Curie Hospital.

The daughter of the Rev T. W. Dearnley, she was educated at Liverpool High School, and at the London School of Medicine for Women. She qualified MB, BS London in 1912, obtained the MD degree in 1916, and was elected a Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1929.

For the greater part of her active career she was associated with the Royal Free Hospital, where she held in succession the posts of first assistant to the gynaecological and obstetrical unit, senior resident medical officer, gynaecological registrar, and gynaecological surgeon. She retired from the honorary staff of the hospital in 1951.

Dr Dearnley had also held the appointments of senior house surgeon at the Jessopp Hospital for Women at Sheffield, of assistant surgeon to the South London Hospital for Women and to the Endell Street Military Hospital, and of Physician to the Ante-Natal Department of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and of consulting gynaecologist and obstetrician to Welwyn Garden City Cottage Hospital.

Moreover . . . Miles Kington

THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW
A lawyer answers your legal queries

I recently paid a plumber £36.80 for work which has now proved defective. How do I set about regaining the money or getting him to do it again?

You can take him to a small claims court, but these are very small and hard to find. More usual is to sue him for the money, in which case he will go bankrupt to avoid paying. You could then drag him through the higher courts, as long as you are aware that every time you win he will appeal, and vice versa. If you are not satisfied with the ruling of the House of Lords, I would advise you to go to the European Court of Human Rights. In fact, quite honestly, I'd advise you to go straight there, as they seem to side with the small man. It's in Strasbourg, or The Hague, or somewhere. I'll look out the address, if you're interested. Alternatively, I have a young barrister in my chambers who is short of work, and currently moonlighting as a plumber. Why not get him round to take a look?

As far as I can gather from the papers, selection of newspaper editors is now something to do with act of Parliament. This can't be right, surely, can it?

Everything is something to do with act of Parliament. You can rest assured that if you or I can't dig up an Act relating to editors, or Tube train ticket fares, or lifeboat funds, or jokes about Scotsmen, then the Law Lords can. And if they can't, then Lord Denning can. It's often said that people admire our unwritten constitution; it isn't often remembered that they think our laws should be unwritten as well.

But surely half the countries in places like Africa have instituted a Westminster parliamentary system?

There is a growing school of thought, especially among political philosophers like Tony Benn, Arthur Scargill and Pat Wall, that Westminster is now adopting an African parliamentary system.

Why has there been so much fuss about President Reagan addressing both houses of Parliament?

Many people are afraid he may overturn the Law Lord's decision on Ken Livingstone.

Every time I read about a court case, the events in it seem to have taken place in 1975. Why is this?

There is an unavoidable delay in bringing cases to court, usually because the Law Lords cannot find a relevant law, or because nobody knows what the law means, or because the police are too busy making television programmes. As a result, litigants often die or emigrate or become moonlight plumbers and therefore unavailable, before their cases come to court. But the Government is currently working on a Bill which will make the next of kin liable for any litigation involving their deceased parents, even unto the third or fourth generations.

Does that sound a bit Old Testament — the Ten Commandments and all that?

The Ten Commandments were a very early experiment at legislation — short, clear-cut, unambiguous and universally applicable. They could never stand up in a British court of law. One more question, please, then I have to be out mending a cracked pipe.

What does it mean when it says that legal costs have been awarded to the plaintiff or defendant?

Nothing, really. Legal costs are always awarded to the lawyers.

Jazz

Certain resource

Art Ensemble of Chicago

Round House

It may be impossible for the outsider to decode the arcane rituals which accompany a performance by the Art Ensemble of Chicago, and which the group presumably intend to embody the culture of their African ancestors, but on Monday evening, no less than at their two London appearances in previous years, it was easy to be swept away by the mysterious chemistry created by these extraordinary musicians.

The painted faces, the pan-ethnic costumes and the stage brimming with gongs, bells, drums and reed instruments of every configuration are no longer as shocking as they were 15 years ago, when the Art Ensemble emerged from the matrix of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians in Chicago; in fact the quintet has done more than any to destroy the notion that the equipment used by a jazz ensemble must come in certain shapes, sizes and numbers. Unlike many others, however, the Art Ensemble worked long and hard to master and channel their broad resources and post-modernist instincts, devising over a long period a music of quite singular assurance.

Monday's performance, which opened the Camden Jazz Week, may not have entranced and uplifted to quite the degree of its unforgettable predecessors; it nevertheless constituted a perfectly shaped survey of their discoveries, incorporating early jazz, the swing era, bebop, post-bop, funk and the "free music" of the Sixties.

Individual contributions were consistently subordinated to the group ethos, although there were noteworthy solos from Roscoe Mitchell, whose command of circular breathing allowed him to develop a particularly mesmerizing soprano saxophone improvisation, and from the drummer, Don Moye, whose playing throughout was buoyant and lively. The most remarkable music came with the abandonment of conventionality, as when the group conjured the quiet sounds of an imagined African past.

Allusions to Charlie Parker and Miles Davis (in an introductory bebop line), to the Jazz Messengers of the early Sixties and to New Orleans rhythm and blues (in a humourous version of "Let the Good Times Roll") showed off the parodistic wit of the trumpeter Lester Bowie, the textural awareness of the saxophonist and percussionist Joseph Jarman and the light swing of the bassist Malachi Favors, culminating during their encore in a lean, tiptoeing version of "Dreaming of the Masters".

Richard Williams

Interview: Wayne Sleep

From the animal kingdom

Andrew Lloyd Webber spent a long time wondering how he could transfer his song cycle *Tell me on a Sunday* to the theatre. It was just the right length for a one-hour television slot, it fitted easily on to an LP, but it did not make a whole evening's entertainment. Don Black's lyrics were compact and there was not a great deal of fleshing out that could be done, either with words or music.

The only solution was to make it half of a double bill. Two-decker entertainments are not in vogue at the moment, but fashions can change and Lloyd Webber, riding high on the success of *Cats*, which is still giving the ticket touts an excellent living, is better placed than most to change it. So *Sunday* starts previews at the end of the month at the Palace as the first part of an evening entitled, simply enough, *Song and Dance*. Marti Webb will sing the songs, as she did on record and on television, while Wayne Sleep later will lead the dancing. The music for that second half is provided by Lloyd Webber's *Paganini Variations*. It has already achieved a platinum disc, so part of the audience is likely to be familiar with it.

The first idea was to have a "biography" ballet, presumably some way after Franz Lehar's operetta, on the violinist, with Wayne Sleep as the virtuoso. But that project was dropped fairly early on for, according to Sleep, the most practical of reasons.

"There was no way that a *dancer could be clobbered all* evening with a violin. It would have been far too inhibiting choreographically, so we quickly decided to hire a violinist. The concept of a bio-ballet wouldn't have worked, and we've ended up with something much closer to pure dance, choreographed by Anthony van Laast, which uses eight major variations. In the first half Marti Webb sings about relationships and that's what we'll be dealing with in dance terms. But *in no other way is* the first part of the evening going to reflect the second: doubtless there will be ballet-loathers who will leave at the interval and maybe others who hate singing will not arrive until half time. We're prepared for that".

It is perhaps surprising that Sleep has not devised his own choreography, as he regularly does for his own company, Dash, but he claims that in an extended work it is essential to have two minds to spark ideas from one another. Another reason may be that Ashton's ballet to the Rachmaninov Paganini Rhapsody at Covent Garden is still fresh in the minds of most balletgoers. Sir Fred over the years has been one of the major influences on Sleep's development as a dancer.

"I owe an immense amount to Fred, of course, but years ago I realized that I wasn't going to get the big romantic roles. I'm not tall enough and I'm not sufficiently good-looking, so I'm much more likely to be dancing by the side of Anthony Dowell than partnering Lesley Collier. So that means an awful lot of children and animals. I think I've done half the animal kingdom: squirrels, wolves, to say nothing of being a cat at the New London for the last nine months. What did someone say about animals? Never appear with them, only *dance them. Well, I'm not so sure now.*

"What I most look forward to in *Variations* is the chance to play an adult human with adult emotions. It happened in the television film of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, where I was the Soldier. Soldiers don't dance very well, so I made sure that I didn't either, but it was certainly a relief to be cast as a *person*."

After *Song and Dance* Wayne Sleep is likely to reassemble his eight-member company Dash. Two of them are with him anyhow at the Palace so it should not be difficult. It was deliberately formed not as another contemporary ballet group — Sleep reckons that there are enough of those already — but as an assembly of people covering all aspects of dance from classical to tap. There is something of the missionary about Sleep, who wants to reach out to those who may not know the story of *Giselle* but would recognize a parody of Robin Cousins when they saw one.

Ultimately, though, the theatre and cinema are likely to claim him. He confesses to an admiration of the RSC and the first links have been forged with Trevor Nunn, who directed *Cats*, and another RSC staff member, John Caird, who is in charge of *Song and Dance*. And he is scheduled to play Chaplin in Michael Powell's co-Russian film biography of Pavlova.

"Actors generally get better as they grow older, dancers don't. As a virtuoso I've no more than ten years left and after that there are only character parts. And who wants them . . .?"

John Higgins



Sleep rehearsing: missionary zeal

Television

Perhaps the cast enjoyed it . . .

Mike Leigh devises and directs his plays without benefit of a script but with a collective contribution from his actors, all of whom get a fair crack of the whip. His latest film, **Home Sweet Home**, was BBC1's Play for Today last night and watching it was as enjoyable as treading a long path of broken glass barefoot.

It centred round three postmen, Stan, Harold and Gordon. Stan is divorced with a teenage daughter in a home whom he rarely sees and with *whom he cannot communicate*. Harold is a pathetic man whose conversation consists almost entirely of the kind of jokes encountered in crackers or on the backs of matchboxes and who has the further handicap of an abusive wife. She is also having an affair with Stan. Gordon is a grunting yob with a lusty, busty wife who also fancies Stan, a pardonable deviation considering her marital lot.

With such characters early established it was obvious that we were not to be edified morally or spiritually but treated to an essay on the inadequacies of the human condition, which are many and can furnish the raw material for powerful drama. Not so here. It started and finished nowhere, tediously, a lack-of-identity parade with hopelessness as its core, the final scene trailing into the credits against the Marxist-jargon jabber of a social worker who would hardly escape certification as a lunatic even with a powerful union behind him.

The cast, I hope, got something out of it and the postmen — Eric Richard as Stan, Tim Barker as Harold and Timothy Spall as Gordon — were resolutely played in *their emotional inarticulacy*. Such light relief as there was came from Kay Stonham as the busty wife.

Everyman, which followed, did not set out to raise the spirits. *At the Hour of Death* was an investigation into the beliefs of people who have had more than a close call *and feel they have glimpsed* the other side. All the witnesses appeared to have been reassured by this preview, and they and the philosopher Paul Badham took such experiences as arguments for the existence of the soul.

The neuro-physiologist Peter Fenwick and the theologian Helen Oppenheimer were firmly but gently sceptical about it all, the first cautioning about the effect of oxygen changes, the second saying that there was really no evidence that transcendental moods continued when the body had died completely. *But it was very* watchable stuff, well produced by Angela Tilby, with the voice of Michael Barratt grittily reminding us that we were very much earthbound.

It is not often these days that one hears a male brave enough to extol the advantages of having several wives at *the same time. The one who* did that last night was a member of the Asante tribe of Ghana where Women's Lib appears not to have made much headway and being a chauvinist pig is not so much an epithet, more a way of life.

In the market, however, women rule and their sovereignty there was the main subject of the second of Granada's excellent series, **Disappearing World**. Each section of the market is ruled by a queen mother and the mummy of them all is Ama Sewah, who stands for no nonsense and would make Arthur Scargill look like a pussy cat. In the market men are labourers or secretaries: elsewhere they have it all their own way.

If they die, their estate passes, in this matrilineal society, to their sisters' children, which explains why their wives have to go to market. Despite attempts by successive regimes to deny them even this hegemony, they have survived and, watching them operate, one could understand why. The producer-director Claudia Milne's all-woman team reported on males and females without fear or favour.

Dennis Hackett

Dance

Ballet Rambert

Sadler's Wells

We are suddenly in a spate of ballets using the human voice for accompaniment. There were three last week, by Richard Alston, Christopher Bruce and Maina Gielgud; another by Alston specially made for Sunday's ITV *South Bank Show*; no fewer than three in Monday's Rambert programme, with Michael Corder's creation for Covent Garden due last night.

Only Alston, in *Rainbow Bandit*, has set his dances specifically to speech rhythms, using the sense (or nonsense) of Charles Amirkhanian's words to add a layer of punning jokes to dances that are intricate, individual and constantly interesting. His new television piece, *Bellezza Flash*, followed the more usual practice of treating the voices in Monteverdi's madrigal simply as an extra melodic line in support of dances to show off three outstanding performers, Siobhan Davies, Michael Clark and Tom Jobe.

Bruce lets the words of Holst's songs colour the moods of the duets in his *Dancing Day*, but the movement again is set to the musical line. Last year, students from the Rambert Academy performed this work to plug a gap in Ballet Rambert's programmes; the company took it up during subsequent tours and this was its first showing in London by a professional cast, among whom Kathy Chard and Hugh Craig perhaps marginally had an edge on their excellent colleagues.

In Bruce's *Ghost Dances*, also a London premiere, voices sometimes add an extra poignancy to the eerie Argentine and Bolivian music. The ballet shows a group of the newly dead being plagued by ghosts on the way to their resting place, and gains much of its effect by contrasting their tenderness towards each other with their helplessness against fate.

The humour of Jkky Maas's dance with four women, and the fond fun of Guy Detot's duet with Diane Walker, become especially touching in this context.

John Percival

Theatre

Sartre's superb plotting

The Assassin

Greenwich

Known to the French as *Les Mains Sales*, this has always struck me as Sartre's best play, and it is good to have that view confirmed by Frank Hauser's lively new version.

The play dates from 1948 when there was no longer any need for French authors to encode resistance messages in neo-classical legend, but the politics of postwar Europe still needed the attentions of a modern Euripides. Sartre, accordingly, reversed the openly classical manner of *Les Mouches*.

The Assassins tells the story of Hugo, an alienated son of the *rich who joins the* Communist underground desperate to perform some act that will free him from his guilt as a class enemy. He accepts the task of assassinating a supposedly renegade political leader and enrols as his secretary, but is so won over by the victim that it is only by means of sexual misunderstanding that he is able to pull the trigger.

It is a superbly plotted piece of work, and you can sit through it as a straight political thriller; but it also casts a long shadow into the past. Hugo is a Marxist descendent of Orestes, Olga, his comrade, relates to Electra, and Hoederer to Agamemnon. The play begins and ends with Hugo narrating his story to Olga, with the other cell members arriving on the stroke of midnight as avenging Furies.

Mr Hauser's production correctly cuts Hugo off from the surrounding company. As James Simmons plays him, he has the mark of death from the start — a blade-like face, hunched shoulders recoiling from human contact except when pouring out cascades of self-loathing. His speech on being made to eat up as a little boy during a time of hunger marches — "one for the starving carpenter" — fearsomely conveys his inescapable class prison.

Edward Woodward supplies him with a precisely calculated antagonist: a compromising realist who loves men more than abstract justice. *The political debates are still* alive, but what really counts is the contrast between the ghostlike Hugo and his unromantic flesh and blood victim who can turn his back to give the assassin a fair chance.

The gradual swing towards that kind of realism also appears in the development of Hugo's wife Jessica (Shirley Cassedy) who plays murder like any other harmless marital game and then abruptly realizes that the gun is no toy. It is a tough-minded, well cast event.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



The calculated antagonist: Edward Woodward (right) with James Simmons

Concert

Serene surface

Zukerman/Neikrug

Festival Hall

Whether Pinchas Zukerman is stylistically more adept as a violinist than a viola player remained a moot point on Monday when his programme with the pianist Marc Neikrug was wholly devoted to Brahms. For the first part they followed the A major Violin Sonata, Op 100, with the sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2, in the version for viola as alternative to the original clarinet and both were so restrained in character as to seem bland and even innocuous.

I do not recall having heard the opening sonata played at such a consistently moderate pace throughout, so that all three movements had the feeling of a gentle stroll: very *amabile* as marked for the first movement, very *tranquillo* for the second and *grazioso* for the third, but with scarcely any distinction between their respective *allegro, andante* and *allegretto*.

A correspondingly placid musing informed much of the viola sonata, where the music's deeper feeling and changes in harmonic character were *not* allowed to disturb the serene melodic surface. Of course, the phrases were beautifully shaped, with a kind of studied elegance in the bowing and rhythmic accentuation, but a greater sense of vitality was desirable to colour the sonorous viola tone.

Certainly Brahms had put his Violin Concerto well behind him by the time he turned his attention to these works later in his career. They are mostly the fruits of contented summer holidays at a Swiss resort on Lake Thun, and owe more in character to his songs than to his larger instrumental music. But they are not so studiedly introspective as Mr Zukerman's performance suggested, and they can be shaded with more expressive variety than was apparent here until after the interval.

For the D minor Violin Sonata, Op 108, he summoned a more colourful spirit and carried his always responsive piano partner with him. The undercurrent of restless agitation in the first movement began to come through, and both the short adagio and buoyant third movement were presented as contrasting character pieces with affectionate style. In the finale, however, the playing once more had energy rather than the passion, *even savage feeling*, that lies within the music itself.

Noël Goodwin

● Leonard Bernstein will be on the rostrum of Hollywood Bowl to open the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra's 1982 summer season, on July 13. *He conducts* a concert of his own music, including the West Coast premiere of *Songfest*, and *Halil* for flute and orchestra.

● *A Coat of Varnish*, by Ronald Miller, suggested by C. P. Snow, opens at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, on April 1, with previews from March 25. Leading members of the cast will be Peter Barkworth, Anthony Quayle, Michael Denison and Evelyn Laye; Anthony Quayle directs. *Coat of Varnish* will run fortnightly in repertory with *Hobson's Choice* from April 15.

● Michael Blakemore is to direct his first feature film, *Privates on Parade*, for Hand Made Films. The production commences shooting in May, on locations in England and Singapore. John Cleese and *Denis* Quilley are leading members of the cast.

Opera

Rossini short on spontaneity

Il barbiere di Siviglia

Metropolitan, New York

Realism and restraint are in the ascendancy at the Met. Colin Graham's recent production of *Cosi* emphasized both, and now John Cox, general administrator elect of Scottish Opera, in his house debut, has staged *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* similarly. The problem is that Rossini is not Mozart.

While it may be refreshing to consider that Dr Bartolo, Rosina's guardian, is a real human being with real emotions, and that Figaro himself is not a slapstick with a voice but a practising barber with an inventive eye for extra money, and while it may be a necessary corrective to get away from the buffooneries that often infect Rossini's masterpiece, his music argues differently. In ebullience and pace it recalls, first of all, the buffo operas which preceded it (albeit with far more melodic and even harmonic sparkle) and, importantly, the capers of the *commedia dell'arte*. Rossini under bit and rein is Rossini *en demi-deuil* and, elegant *and* pointed as *this new* production is, it throughout lacked spontaneity and spirit, transforming verve into manner and fitting *Barbiere* into the clothes of a nineteenth-century boulevard comedy.

In part this lack of verve came from Andrew Davis's conducting, which doggedly pushed on instead of soared, and in part it came from the cast. Enzo Dara, as Dr Bartolo, is a fine comedian, but his voice does not have the carrying penetration needed for the Met, and his singing of "A un dottor", such a taxing set-piece, was too often inaudible, especially in the quick patter. When Dr Bartolo is humanized, moreover, he does not become larger than life, but disappears, so that Cox's final tableau, with the poor doctor slinking upstairs in sadness, loses its poignancy: we are dealing with a cipher.

Pablo Elvira, as Figaro, makes a handsome presence on stage, and used his voice and his acting to effect. Again, I wished that voice a shade larger and more dominating. Ara Berberian's Basilio, in mortar board instead of shovel hat, gave us a gravelly bark but a rudimentary approach to legato: for the first time the explosive "Calunnia" became an implosive moment — quite forgettable — which Cox tried to mitigate by having him move around the two levels of the set like a man possessed.

Realism stopped with Marilyn Horne's Rosina. She is manifestly not, at this stage of her career, typecast as a young ingenue. Yet she provided some of the best Rossini singing of the evening, tailoring her voice and impersonation to the restrained nature of the proceedings while still giving a lesson in bel canto, and seemingly improvised, coloratura. If by the second act her voice became inclined to stray from pitch, Horne nonetheless managed to inject a measure of freely-produced gaiety integral to *Barbiere, while almost per*suading the listener that she was younger than her guardian.

Marilyn Horne as Rosina in Act I: can still give a lesson in bel canto

Rockwell Blake was the Almaviva. He has a peculiar voice: well defined for the demands of bel canto fioritura (though he now shows a tendency to sing more from the chest), but never really pleasant to hear. The courtly aspects of Almaviva were beyond him, but Blake managed to be properly engaging in the travesti parts of the role. I might have thought he was chosen because he is one of the few tenors who can encompass the fearsome second-act aria "Cessa di più", but it was omitted.

Robin Wagner's set, a Moorish confection on a turntable, was deliciously apt and charming. Cox used the turntable qualities as a film director would use a travelling shot. Figaro and Almaviva, during the "Numero quindici" allegro, walk as the set turns to the barber shop, where (glory be!) the barber just happens to have a soldier's costume in the right size, and thus proceeds to dress the tenor, and the set continues turning to pick up Fiorillo for his short grumbling recitative (inserted *originally* to cover the set change and rarely performed), which he delivers to the denizens of a local bar. The set continues to turn to reveal the interior of Bartolo's house. In the next act, the storm gives another excuse for mobility, the set revealing the conspirators climbing up into the house, and then Bartolo taking away the "inutil precauzione" ladder, before it turns once more to show the two climbing in at the window.

Patrick J. Smith

London debuts

Virtuosity and versatility

For their programme at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, and for much of their playing the *London Brass Virtuosi*, conducted by David Honeyball, deserved a lengthy overnight review instead of merely a place in this column. As their music ranged from Giovanni Gabrieli's *Canzon in Double Echo* to Henze's *Ragtimes and Habaneras*, the instrumentation varied considerably, but the standard of individual and ensemble playing was high, though not immaculate. For example greater rhythmic precision will be needed if the delightful character of Henze's 11 short movements is fully to emerge.

We also heard the original form of Janaček's "Sokal Fanfare", later incorporated in his Sinfonietta, Elgar's *Severn Suite* and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. The Elgar is a late work (1930) and a fine one; it particularly well exhibited the rich tonal resources of the London Brass Virtuosi. Mussorgsky's suite was performed in Elgar Howarth's ingenious and extremely resourceful arrangement; here, in response to the composer's vivid characterization, the writing is more outlandish, but often shows his music in a fresh light.

Circa 1500 *is the name of* another new ensemble, this time devoted to the music of the Renaissance courts. Their first concert, given in the anachronistic yet sympathetic surroundings of Leighton House, was called Music of Mantua and Ferrara, and might be seen as a small echo of the recent Gonzaga exhibition at the Victoria and Albert. The purity and selflessness of the works performed, however, suggested a fresh perspective on the storm and stress of music of later centuries that was not altogether flattering.

The members of Circa 1500 are Emily van Evera (soprano), Nancy Hadden (flute), Robert Meunier and Christopher Wilson (lutes) and Erin Headley (lirone). Much of the music was by Cara and Tromboncino, the latter one of the few composers known to have murdered his wife. Miss van Evera displayed an aptly clear, bright, modest voice, and her *items* were interspersed with instrumental compositions by other hands, mainly in dance forms. These, too, were phrased with deftness and sensitivity, and I particularly liked the tone of the lirone.

No details were given of maker or date, but it was not an especially agreeable-sounding harpsichord that John Grew played at Wigmore Hall, and frequent changes of stops appeared to make little difference. However, *Le Tombeau de M de Chambonnieres* by d'Anglebert was graceful and sombre, although despite the several dance *genres employed the move*ments of this composer's Suite in G seemed much the same, because, varied tempos notwithstanding, the same kind of musical ideas kept recurring.

Two items by Duphly, "Le Forquery" and "Chaconne", confirmed Mr Grew's nimble, if not always neat, technique and his understanding of *ornamentation*, but they also were very dull pieces. Couperin's *Troisième Ordre* had far more character and elicited playing of greater spirit, as did a Rameau group. The French clavicinists, too, thought of pleasing titles, such as Rameau's "Le Niais de Sologne" (The Simpleton of Sologne).

The saturnine voice of the bassoon makes it exceptionally unsuitable for flowery virtuoso genre confections like Jules Demersseman's Introduction and Polonaise. Most of the other composers essayed by Daniel Smith at Wigmore Hall were, to me at *least, equally obscure. We* had, for example, the European premiere of James Cohn's *Sonata Robusta*, in four movements; and a set of Variations by Reicha was another piece that sounded both laborious and lugubrious.

A Romance by Elgar was of some interest, and showed that Mr Smith could play with feeling, although sensitive phrasing is evidently not easy on this instrument. The other attractive music on the programme was a set of Six Studies in English Folk Music by Vaughan Williams. *These were short, but char*acteristically tuneful, making a fairly imaginative use of the medium, with piano accompaniments, played by Michael May, less heavy than those of the other works.

Max Harrison

Stock Exchange Prices

Lack of interest

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 15. Dealings End, March 26. § Contango Day, March 29. Settlement Day, April 5.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.



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1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
154	72	Marchwiel	128	-1	9.4	7.4	7.7
146	106	Marks & Spencer	145	..	5.8	4.0	19.8
51	33½	Marley Ltd	49	-1	3.2	6.8	13.6
37	14½	Marling Ind	33½	..	1.4	4.2	23.4
50	23	Marshall T Lox	48	..	4.8	8.3	4.3
48	21	Do A	44	..	4.0	9.0	3.9
330	178	Martin News	330	..	13.9	4.2	7.1
270	209	Martonair	225	+2	10.9	4.8	13.2
74	48	Medminster	64	• +1	5.3	8.3	6.9
250	140	Menzies J.	241	..	5.6	2.3	12.0
224	128	Metal Box	176	+2	16.5	9.4	15.4
125	100	Metal Bulletin	120	..	7.9	6.6	14.2
52⅝	37¼	Metalrax	47	+1	3.4	7.1	9.2
25	12	Mettoy	12	..	0.1	1.2	..
91	50	Meyer M. L.	73	-2	3.1	4.3	..

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T — Z

1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
26	15	TACE	16	-1	..	..	..
121	85	TSL Therm Synd	103	..	10.0b	9.7	12.7
25¼	10½	Takeda BDR	£18½	-1¼	17.6	0.9	31.5
6½	2½	Talbex Grp	5	..	..	..	..
478	316	Tarmac Ltd	476	..	23.3	4.9	8.2
220	126	Tate & Lyle	200	..	16.4	8.2	5.0
607	441	Taylor Woodrow	550	-5	19.0	3.5	9.8
400	250	Telephone Rent	328	..	14.6	4.5	16.3
71	48½	Tesco	61	+½	3.8	6.2	6.5
125	64	Textured Jersey	78	..	7.9	10.1	3.7

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) March 16	Market rates (close) March 16	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.8035-1.8140	$1.8050-1.8060	0.22-0.32c disc	0.77-0.87c disc
Montreal	$2.1940-2.2030	$2.1955-2.1965	0.35-0.45c disc	1.25-1.35c disc
Amsterdam	4.69½-4.72½fl	4.70-4.71fl	2⅛-1⅞c prem	5-4½c prem
Brussels	79.40-79.90f	79.70-79.80f	7-17c disc	35-45c disc
Copenhagen	14.40-14.46k	14.40-14.41k	190-360ore disc	645-780ore disc
Dublin	1.2160-1.2225p	1.2170-1.2185p	60-75p disc	175-200p disc
Frankfurt	4.28-4.31m	4.29-4.30m	1½-1¼pf prem	4½-4pf prem
Lisbon	126.50-127.50e	126.60-126.90e	70-195c disc	200-410c disc
Madrid	188.20-189.00p	188.25-188.45p	15-45c disc	115-150c disc
Milan	2322-2329lr	2322-2324lr	18-21lr disc	54-58lr disc
Oslo	10.83-10.90k	10.86-10.87k	30-105ore disc	320-590ore disc
Paris	11.04-11.08f	11.04½-11.05½f	6-8c disc	18-28c disc
Stockholm	10.51-10.55k	10.52-10.53k	150-90ore prem	320-260ore prem
Tokyo	434-441y	435½-436½y	2.75-2.40y prem	7.35-7.00y prem
Vienna	30.12-30.27sch	30.15-30.20sch	16-13gro prem	35-25gro prem
Zurich	3.38½-3.41½f	3.39¾-3.40¼f	2½-2c prem	6½-5½c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was up 0.3 at 90.6.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 13½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 13 Low 7

Week Fixed: 13

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12²³⁄₃₂	2 months	12¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months	12½	3 months	12⁷⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	13⅛-13	1 month	13⅞
2 months	12²⁷⁄₃₂-12¾	2 months	13⅝
3 months	12²⁵⁄₃₂-12²¹⁄₃₂	3 months	13⅜
6 months	12⁷⁄₁₆-12½	6 months	13³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	14⅝-14⅛	7 months	13⅞-13½
2 months	14¼-14	8 months	13⅞-13½
3 months	14⅛-13⅞	9 months	13¾-13⅝
4 months	13⅞-13⅝	10 months	13⅝-13½
5 months	13⅝-13¼	11 months	13⅝-13½
6 months	13⅝-13½	12 months	13⅝-13⅜

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	13¹⁵⁄₁₆-13¹³⁄₁₆	6 months	13⁷⁄₁₆-13⁵⁄₁₆
3 months	13⁹⁄₁₆-13⁷⁄₁₆	12 months	13⁷⁄₁₆-13⁵⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	14	3 months	13⅞
7 days	14	6 months	13⅝
1 month	13¾	1 year	13½

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 14¼ Close 6

1 week	14⅛-14	6 months	13¹¹⁄₁₆-13⁹⁄₁₆
1 month	14-13⅞	9 months	13⅝-13½
3 months	13¹³⁄₁₆-13¹¹⁄₁₆	12 months	13⅝-13½

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 14¼ 6 months 14¼

Finance House Base Rate 15%

Other Markets

Australia	1.7020-1.7170
Bahrein	0.6805-0.6835
Finland	8.2290-8.2690
Greece	110.50-112.30
Hongkong	10.5140-10.5540
Iran	not available
Kuwait	0.5135-0.5165
Malaysia	4.1885-4.2185
Mexico	81.00-82.50
New Zealand	2.3175-2.3375
Saudi Arabia	6.1750-6.2050
Singapore	3.8190-3.8490
South Africa	1.8670-1.8820

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.4825-1.4840
† Canada	1.2166-1.2168
Netherlands	2.6050-2.6060
Belgium	44.12-44.17
Denmark	7.9850-7.9850
West Germany	2.3765-2.3775
Portugal	70.00-70.20
Spain	104.30-104.40
Italy	1286.50-1287.50
Norway	6.0100-6.0200
France	6.1200-6.1250
Sweden	5.8200-5.8300
Japan	241.30-241.50
Austria	16.70-16.72
Switzerland	1.8775-1.8790

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8220-0.8222

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 13½-14½; seven days, 15¼-15⅛; one month, 15⅛-15⅞; three months, 15⅛-15⅝; six months, 15⅛-15⅝.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $321 (an ounce); pm, $324.50 close, $323.
Krugerrand (per coin): $334-336 (£185-186).
Sovereigns (new): $79-80 (£43.75-44.25).

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BUSINESS NEWS

Tobacco sales decline

CONSUMPTION 000m
UK CIGARETTES
130 / 120 / 110 / 100
30p 36p 47p 56p 64p 74p 92p
PRICE mid-year 20 Benson & Hedges K size
1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981
source: Tobacco Advisory Council except 1981 estimated consumption

Cigarette sales fell by about 10 per cent last year, compared with 1980, according to trade estimates. By the year end sales were running 15 per cent down compared with end 1980 after excise duty and manufacturer price increases had put up prices by a third.

Last week's Budget added 5p to the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes. The industry's workforce of 35,000 in 1980 fell by around 4 per cent last year and a further jobs reduction of about 10 per cent is expected over the next 18 months.

Franc under new pressure

The French franc, now sitting at the bottom of the European Monetary System, came under renewed pressure on foreign exchange markets yesterday, after the Mitterrand government's setback in Sunday's regional elections. Speculation that France might seek a devaluation was intensified by news of poor 1981 trade figures. The Bank of France raised short term interest rates by ¼ to ½ per cent and may have sold up to 150m Deutsche marks (after DM 100m on Monday) to support the franc. The Deutsche mark was fixed higher at Fr F 2.5740 from 2.5675 on Monday.

Iran signs two oil deals

Iran, whose oil exports have been severely curtailed by its war with Iraq, has signed two crude oil sales agreements. Syria will buy nine million tonnes of oil a year and sell Iran one million tonnes of phosphates. Syria's relations with Iraq have deteriorated recently. Uruguay, with whom Iran has done almost no trade in the past, will purchase $80m-worth of oil over the next nine months in return for meat, rice and grain.

● *As oil prices on the spot market fell to their lowest level for over a year, Dr Mana al-Oteiba, Opec chairman said that members must hold their $34 a barrel pricing structure "no matter what the scrifices".*

● Oman has given final approval for construction of the new £215m Qaboos University to be built by Cementation International, a subsidiary of Trafalgar House.

No agreement

A meeting of the Stock Exchange council yesterday failed to reach agreement over the proposed increases in commission levels on share transactions. It is understood the council will reconvene next week to decide finally the new levels.

MARKET SUMMARY

Two jolts in quiet trend

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 562.4 down 3.4
FT Gilts 68.33 down 0.14
FT All share 320.87 down 1.15
Bargains 21,431

Bids made the running as an otherwise quiet equity market drifted lower on lack of interest.

Dealers were caught on the hop by the sudden announcement that Rowntree Mackintosh's bid for Huntley & Palmer had been referred to the Monopolies Commission. The news saw Huntley's share price plunge 20p to 84p, effectively locking in speculators who had been confident that the deal would go through. Rowntree ended the day 2p up at 170p.

A similar thing happened at Arthur Holden, down 24p at 158p, with ICI's offer of 180p a share. This too was being *referred. International Paint* with 12 per cent of the equity following a dawn raid last year was unchanged at 230p.

The rest of the market was content just to look on having soaked up numerous lines of blue chips on Monday following one investment trust liquidating its portfolio. Most of the lines were cleared, but 590,000 shares of *Pilkingtonn remained overhang*ing wiping 9p off the price of 271p.

The FT Index ended the day 3.4 down at 562.4.

The rise in United States prime rates of ½ per cent to 16 per cent took the sparkle out of gilts. After a firm start prices closed well below the best levels of the day.

Longs closed unchanged wiping out *earlier improvements* of up to £⅝, while at the shorter end small end losses of £¼ were recorded in thin trading. Only a steady performance by the pound contained the losses.

CCP North Sea was active in oils, rising 10p to 183p following the counterbid from Tricentrol, 2p down at 174p. The bid worth *around* £15m was just above the original offer from Charterhouse Petroleum, up 4p at 89p. Mr Algy Cluff's Cluff Oil with a stake of 29 per cent in CCP ended the day 5p dearer at 135p.

BAT Industries's $310m bid for the United States sores group Marshall Field raised only a few eyebrows with the price slipping 8p to 413p. Imperial Group which has decided to close several plants with the loss of 1,700 jobs was unchanged at 89½p.

Hawker Siddeley shares dived 14p to 306p on news that net income of its Canadian subsidiary had fallen from C$24.6m to C$15.6m. But a spokesman pointed out that this included a *currency loss of C$7.4m and said* the group was looking for an unchanged C$22m when the figures are consolidated in the United Kingdom.

Shares of Tunnel Holdings "B" were unchanged at 550p as shareholders received the formal offer document from RTZ. Tunnel is forecasting pretax profits up from £15.55m to £16.75m which matches the forecast made in May last year after the bid from T. W. Ward. The board of Tunnel urges shareholders to accept the terms from RTZ.

Brokers Hoare Govett have placed the rump of 3.687m Clyde Petroleum new shares at 4½p premium following the recent rights issue. However, 91 per *cent of the additional shares* has already been taken up.

Equity turnover on March 15, was £122.323m (16,929 bargains).

Michael Clark

COMMODITIES

●Cocoa prices tumbled in London After market talk that the International Cocoa Organization buffer stock manager had contracted to sell 5,000 tonnes of *Ivory Coast cocoa. May cocoa fell* by the allowed maximum of £40 a tonne in the afternoon, and trading was suspended for 15 minutes. But when the market opened the price fell by another £3 to close at £1,108.50 a tonne. Cocoa for immediate delivery was also hit, falling £49.50 to £1,136. There is no limit on spot price movements.

On the tin market, expectations that the International Tin Council will introduce import controls on March 19 and some buying by the buffer stock manager provided some support. But prices still fell sharply, three months falling £25 to £7,372 and spot tin ending £50 lower at £7,215 a tonne.

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 6,916.99 down 161.69
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,185.13 up 23.20

CURRENCIES

● The dollar strengthened in active trading, boosted by firm dollar interest rates. Fading expectations of imminent cuts in United Kingdom rates buoyed the pound.

LONDON CLOSE
STERLING
$1.8055 up 5 points
Index 90.6 up 0.3
DM4.2950
Fr. F11.0500
Yen436.00
DOLLAR
Index 114.0 up 0.4
DM2.3770 up 10pts
GOLD
$323.00 up $10.50

TODAY

CBI monthly council meeting. Mr Peter Rees, Minister for Trade, *visits West Yorkshire wool textile* factories. Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee discusses 1982 Budget and the Government's expenditure plans. Industry and Trade Select Committee takes evidence on the Post Office. Average earnings (January). Indices of basic wage rates (February).

Board meetings — Interim: Wm Boulton, Lawtex. Finals: Britannia Arrow Holdings, Britannic Assurance, Wm Collins and Sons, Corah, J. Hewitt and Sons (Fenton), John I Jacobs, Johnson Group Cleaners, Lex Service, Hugh Mackay, T Tilling, Turner and Newall, Utd States Debenture.

MONEY MARKETS

● Period rates were slightly firmer. The Bank relieved a shortage of £600m by buying £247m of bills outright at unchanged rates and £507m of bills for repurchase by the discount houses on March 29 at 13 per cent.

Domestic rates:
Base rates 13%
3 month interbank 13$\frac{11}{16}$-13$\frac{9}{16}$
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 15⅛-15¾
3 month DM 9½-9⅜
3month Fr.F. 20¾-20

Tobacco group aims to expand US interests with agreed takeover for stores

BATs offers $310m for Marshall Field

By Philip Robinson

BAT Industries, the world's biggest tobacco company, has launched its largest United States bid with a $310m (£172m) agreed takeover for Marshall Field. BATs already owns Gimbels and Saks Fifth Avenue. Marshall Field would add a retailing chain with 77 high quality stores.

The bid is being made through BAT US, its American holding company which began operating two years ago, and if successful will raise the percentage of total profits from all North American operations from 33 to almost 40.

Marshall Field has been a tempting takeover target for American companies for several years. Four years ago, the Los Angeles-based Carter Hawley ale retailing group attempted an abortive takeover move.

About six weeks ago Mr Carl Kahn, a New York Stock Market dealer, bought 28 per cent of Marshall's stock, and fearing it might be sold on to a predator, *Marshall's* instructed financial advisors Goldman Sachs to find a friendly bidder.

BATs emerged offering $25.50 a share for Marshall, which has 18 stores around Chicago, some in *Florida*, the Caroliners and the West Coast and six in Texas.

BAT Industries:
Principal non-tobacco interests include:
International Stores — grocery retailing.
Wiggins Teape Group — paper manufacture.
Mardon Packaging — printing.
Lenthenc, Yardley, Morny — cosmetics.
BAT International Finance — finance.

For the year to the end of January last year Marshall's sales were $1,021m with profits after tax od $20.7m. In the 12 months ending last October, sales were $1,188m and profits after tax $23.2m. Net asset value of the group is put at $309m.

BATs began US retailing in 1972 buying Kohl's, a midwest food and department *store chain centred in Mil*waukee, Winsconsin, with a substantial presence in Chicago. It was through this retailing connection that BAT has *built* a relationship with Marshall Field. The following year it bought Gimbel Brothers Inc and with it 38 Gimbel department stores and 31 Saks Fifth Avenue.

Last year, £72m of the group's £467m trading profits came from retailing and £220m of its total profits came from North American. The largest contribution remained its tobacco interests at £334m.

BATs report at the end of next month, figures for the year to the end of last December. Analysts expect a 30 per cent profits rise to £620m, giving it earnings per share of 73p and earnings to rise to 80p a share in the present year.

A substantial dividend increase should be announced *next month* and *there has* been talk of a scrip issue.

In the London Stock Market, the American acquisition left the shares 8p easier at 413p. Dealers had expected a large buy from BATs for some time. The last balance sheet showed cash and short term deposits of £280m.

The Marshall acquisition is part of BATs declared policy of reducing its dependence on tobacco earnings. The group has been earning 98 per cent of profits outside the United Kingdom on 80 per cent of its assets.

For some time it has been known as a sleeping giant, which would buy any ailing stores group which came its way. The most glaring example of this is seen as its purchase of the International Stores chain, which BATs admits had caused headaches but which is now profitable.

Sue Packer



Sir Peter Macadam, chairman of BAT industries.

Big Banks to refuse Co-op's new cheques

By Lorna Bourke

The High Street clearing banks have all refused to offer cheque cashing facilities to customers of First Co-operative Finance, the subsidiary of Co-op Bank set up to offer interest-bearing current account facilities.

The banks' decisions look suspiciously like a joint agreement not to honour First Co-operative Finance cheque cards.

But the decision, though a setback, is not a complete surprice to FCF which wrote to the banks in January reqesting cheque cashing facilities for its customers. The reason given for the refusal is the lack of reciprocal arangements for the High Street banks' own customers.

"One of the fundamental principles of the use of our *counters for the encashment* of cheques by customers of other banks is reciprocal use of the other banks' counters by our customers," writes National Westminster Bank.

"Bearing in mind that the First Co-operative Finance has only one office and could not therefore offer our customers anything like a comparable service, we do not feel able to extend to customers of that company cheque encashment facilities at our branches" was the response from Barclays.

Only Midland left the door open for negotiation with the suggestion that if Co-op Bank would consider extending the reciprocal arrangement for Midland customers, to its "Handibank" and "Cash a Cheque" points, Midland would consider cashing First Co-operative Finance customers' cheques.

At the moment Midland customers can cash cheques in any of Co-op Bank's 71 branches *but not* at the "in store" Handibanks, or Cash-a-Cheque points.

Co-op launched Cheque and Save, the new interest bearing accounts for current account customers with a publicity campaign on February 1, this year. The account pays a national *interest rate, currently* 10 per cent, and since its launch First Co-operative Finance says it is "very pleaded" with the response.

Monopolies reference on two bids

By Our Financial Staff

Two City takeover bids yesterday were referred to the Monopolies Commission. The moves wiped over £10m off the valuation of biscuit manufacturers Huntley and Palmer, the target for a contested offer by Rowntree Mackintosh; and the referral *of* ICI's agreed *bid for* Arthur Holden clipped the share price by 24p to 158p.

Huntley's share price dropped from 104p to 84p, valuing the company at marginally over £60m. There was a £5m fall the previous day as speculation grew about a referral as Thursday's *first closing date* on Rowntree's offer approached.

The Monopolies reference of Rowntree/Huntley means any other bids have to be abandoned. But Huntley announced last week it was in talks with New Jersey-based Nabisco, the biscuit and cereals giant whose brands include Ritz crackers and Shredded Wheat.

Senior Nabisco executives were meeting last night about the referral. A possible option for them is to ask for a Commission ruling if Nabisco did decide to bid.

The reference of ICI's £12.8m bid for Holden, the Midlands lacquers and coatings manufacturer, came only a day before the first deadline. With acceptances representing more than 50 per cent of the Holden equity, ICI was virtually assured of success in its 180p per share offer.

Both bids now lapse under Takeover Panel rules.

● The City is eagerly awaiting further good news from Cadbury Schweppes which last week unveiled some impressive full year figures. Over the last couple of days the company has been entertaining a coach load of analysts at its factories

NEB plan to cut Inmos stake

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor

Plans which will lead to a substantial reduction of the state's interest in the controversial Inmos microchip company, which is backed by £100m of taxpayers' money, will be discussed later this year.

The company, whose operations are split between a plant in Colorado in the United States and a factory being built at Newport, Gwent, was established four years ago under the Labour Government through the National Enterprise Board.

Inmos will soon require further investment finance likely to amount to more than £50m, and will have detailed discussions with the NEB and its advisers this summer and a variety of options will be considered.

The NEB, which has been effectively merged with the National Research Development Corporation to form the British Technology Group, is hopeful that it will be able to reduce its stake in the company from its present 70 per cent to less than 50 per cent.

Dr Richard Petritz, head of Inmos, has said it will not be looking for further Government funds. Of the £100m so far received, some £50m has come from the NEB, with the balance in loan guarantees and industrial grants.

The options to be discussed *will include involving* United Kingdom private sector institutions — with foreign interests not ruled out — and possibly a phased dilution of the NEB's shareholding.

Much will depend on the state of the microchip market and the company's plans for further manufacturing facilities. *When it was first* launched, Inmoss was considering possibly four United Kingdom plants mass producing microchips.

Since then the market has altered considerably and Dr. Petritz said recently that he could not guarantee that the next factory would be in Britain.

Inmoss is currently selling each month about $1m worth of its 16K static RAM (Radom Axcess Memory), a specialized memory chip for which it claims nearly 80 per cent of the world market. Its next product, the 64K dynamic RAM, which can store more than 64,000 units of information, will be produced at Newport.

☐ Inmoss has developed what it claims is one of the most advanced computerized systems for designing circuits on a microchip (Bill Johnstone writes).

Over 400,000 components (which could rise to a million) will be contained on one chip less than 80 millimetres square. The system will be used to design a transputer, a new microchip component.

Talks on Poland's 1982 debt

From Peter Norman
Brussells, March 16

Poland has called on its 16 main government creditors in the West to reschedule its offical debts falling due this year and the request will be discussed informally by officials of the Western Governments in Paris on Thursday.

Officials involved in the talks have pointed out that Thursday's meeting does not represent a softening of the Western approach to the issue.

One official explained that there can be no substantive discussion until the agreement rescheduling $2,400m *of private bank debt* due in 1981 has been signed. Although the Bank Handlowy in Warsaw has said that it sent the last of the interest payuments needed to complete the agreement the last of the interest payuments needed to complete the agreement to western banks last Friday. there are no

Western bankers were still waiting today for the final payuments to arrive and the Dresdner Bank in Frankfurt, which has been co-ordimating the 1981 rescheduling operation, said it could be some days yet before it is known whether the Poles *have finally met their com*mitments.

An indication of the importance that a rescheduling of this year's debt represents for Poland was given today by the United nations Economic Commission for Europe.

In a study of the Soviet Bloc's debts, it said that Poland would have to triple its earnings of western currencies through exports from $5,400m in 1981 to meet its import bill and debt obligations in 1982 if it were unable to obtain a rescheduling or other new financing.

GUINNESS PEAT LOSSES

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Half-year losses of £13.5m net and the £13.8m sale of its investment in United States money broking were announced by Guinness Peat yesterday.

Mr Alstair Morton, the chief executive brought in after the row between Mr Edmund Dell, chairman, and life president Lord Kissin over strategy, said the group's core activities would remain merchant banking, insurance broking and commodity trading.

It would develop other financial services but the 30 per cent stake in Unitel had been sold because the grouyp was not receiving any dividends and did not have management control.

Including the Unitel sale, Mr Morton aims to release £50m from group activities — mainly chemicals and merchanting — to cut group borrowings.

Exco, which is buying part of Guinness Peat's Unitel stake reported a 78 per cent rise in 1981 profits to £10.7m before tax.

£20m boost for assisted areas

By Our Industrial Staff

Plans to spend up to £20m over the next three to four years in Englamd's assisted areas were outlined yesterday by the British Technology Group.

The new initiatives will involve the establiahment of a new enterprise fund covering the South-west; the launchng of a similar organization to operate exclusively in the Merseyside Special Development Area, and collaboration between the BTG and the Merseyside Development Corporation to promote investment in Merseyside.

The BTG is revamping its existing operations in the North-east and North-west. It is also examining the scope for creating new partnerships with local authorities and private sector sorces of finance to support projects in the assisted areas.

BTG Executives stressed yesterday that the initiatives reflected the continuing role of the National Enterprise Board in working with the private sector to stimulate activity in the assisted areas.

Mr Brian Willott, BTG's chief executive, said yesterday: "The problems of the assisted areas will only be solved in the longer term if they can get their fair share of advanced high technology industries".

In the South-west, BTG with Dartington & Co has established the Western Enterprise Fund with an initial capital of £2m for equity investments in companies in Devon and Cornwall. It will provide risk capital for both new and existing businesses with a high growth potential. It plans to launch a similar operation for Merseyside in collaboration with Sapling *Enterprises, a company* formed jointly by BTG and Collinson Grant Associates.

In the first of a expected series of regional initiatives, the BTG announced that it has reached agreement in principle with Tyne and Wear County Council and the Midland Bank, with Depart*ment of Industry support*, to establish a company in the North-east. Mikro Industrial Instruments is to design, manufacture, and sell microprocessor signal conditioning equipment for the process control industrial instrumentation markets.

Racal launches detector

Telephone to stem credit card fraud

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

With credit card fraud growing in Britain, British Telecom has approved a fraud-detector telephone designed and produced by Racal Transcom, part of Britain's Racal Electronics.

An initial order for 300 has been made by British Telecom and nearly al are likely to go to American Express for initial trials in the London area this summer.

Racal is also talking to Access, Barclaycard and Diners, the other three big card companies. *Within five* years there could be between 30,000 and 40,000 of the transaction telephones in use in Britain, according to Racal.

The machines, claimed to be more sophisticated than similar ones already in use in countries like the United States, read identification numbers magnetically encoded on most cards. A retailer passes this information and the amount being bought by a customer to the card company's computer via the telephone network.

The computer can then halt the transaction if the card has been reported lost or stolen and can, if a genuine cardholder is exceeding a credit limit, suggest a telephone discussion.

The machines could be a lead-in to the more advanced technology now being worked on to allow shop purchases to be settled by using a card for computerized direct debiting of a customer's own bank account — known as Electronic Funds Transfer.

Card fraud is now running at about £12m a year, taking in all the credit, travel and entertaining cards.

Racal's development, brought from drawing board to market in 22 months, could give it a marketing advantage in the British market of at *least several* months, according to Mr Halliden.

Some of the big banks are taking an interest in Racal's machines as a possible means of checking on stolen guarantee cards, according to Racal.





Racal's fraud-detector telephone.

Sun Oil 'is not buying influence'

By Jonathan Davis

American-owned sun Oil said yesterday it is ready to proceed with developing a North Sea oilfield if its role as technical operator is approved by the Department of Energy. It denied that theappointment of Sir Jack Rampton, the Department's former head, as its special adviser was an attempt to buy influence.

The industry had been speculating that operatorship of the Balmoral field might be transferred to the Stateowned British National Oil Corporation, which is operator of a consortium drilling on a neighbouring licence.

However, *Dr Richard* Fetzner, President of Sun Exploration and Production, said his company believed a majority of the field's reserves lay in Sun's licence area, and it would be expecting to preceed as operator, with approval from the department.

Sun did confirm that its application last year for the neighbouring licence made in partnership with British Petroleum, had been rejected by the Department. But Dr Fetzner said he rejected any suggestion that Sir Jack's appointment was an attempt to buy *influence.*

He added: "His function is basically one of helping us to become better corporate citizens in the United Kingdom". He would be advising the company on the political, business and cultural environment.

Titanium loses her throne . . . long live Crystalate

IMI holds a mirror to the economy

IMI's results were very much in line with expectations, mirroring the continuing recession in the British economy (Sally White writes). The Birmingham-based metals, fabricating and zip fasteners' group announced pretax profits down from £28m to £23.8m. Sales were down from the 1980 level of £628.6m. to £532.5m.

While many analysts are expecting the upturn on the motor industry and building trade likely to materialize later in 1982 to boost IMI's pretax level to £28m. or so, the company itself was sticking to its usual cautious line. It is not convinced that any overall indication of an upturn in the economy is yet apparent.

When the recovery does occur, IMI will respond disproportionately. It has under taken major surgery, adding to Midlands unemployment figures by making 2,000 more redundant in the year just reported. That takes the labour force in Britain down from 28,000 two years ago to the present 20,000. This year's redundancy total is likely to be another 1,000.

While IMI voices its usual criticism of CCA accounting, its CCA profits show how exposed is the position of engineering companies of the type of IMI. Current cost earnings per share were 0.4p, while the net dividend is 4.5p a share, after a final of 2.5p.

Titanium, IMI's glamour area has lost a lot of its attraction with the decline in orders for the air industry. While this is still growing, and IMI is still seeking a United States acquisition. Order books are very much shorter. Staff has been cut by 100, and IMI are trying hard to find new markets in non-aerospace, such as process plant for the chemical industry.

Mr Eric Swainson, IMI's managing director, said 29 per cent of pretax profits came from overseas — a proportion they are still trying to increase. South Africa, Australia the Far East and Germany were areas at which they are looking for expansion.

The new acquisitions are trading on budget.

Better profits were reported on water-heating, alloy tube, plastic piping, radiators and fluid power. The Eley sporting ammunition side did better than in 1980, as did the rod and wire divisions: but neither traded on what IMI regard as a "satisfactory basis", which is thir way of saying at a loss.


Mr Eric Swainson: Pretax profits from overseas

Grow with Buzby

Telecommunications are sharply in focus as a 1980s growth industry, which is why even a small components supplier in the field — Crystalate — is attracting attention (Sally White writes). Its market capitalization is around £14m but, as it supplies the new components the Post Office is installing to modernize telephones, its growth potential is enormous.

Rescued from the status of being just another of the tiny groups built up by the entrepreneurs of the 1960s, Crystalate is moving steadily into higher technology. One of its components enables telephones to be used in difficult situations, such as tanks. It is making plastic sockets for plug-in telephones, and is doing assembly work on new terminals for IBM's smaller computers.

The John Leworthy, the former stockbroker who chairs Crystalate, says that, after a profits plateau last year, expansion is now again in prospect. So from £1.39m last year at the pretax level, many anaylsts are going for around £1.8m. The share price has come up from a low of 59p to 93p. While there is little yield, the prospective rating is around 16 times.

Mr Leworthy says: "It was only in cutting back on the long list of subsidiaries that the Besson subsidiary — which now supplies British Telecom, GEC, Plessey and Pye — emerged." Formerly this had started life as a supplier of hearing aids. But the technology was developed to take it into telecommunications, and it now provides 60 per cent of group sales and 80-90 per cent of group profits.

The market likes the look of the balance sheet. It is also looking for fresh product areas from future acquisitions. The group still has the £2m raised in last year's rights issue.

Less cash around

Printing banknotes for many of the world's governments is necessarily a secretive business (Drew Johnston writes). De La Rue is responsible for printing around two-thirds of global paper currency, much of it for the Third World, but has been reluctant to own up to a fall on demand.

Last Friday, the share price was hit by confirmation of reports that the Dublin plant was working a 3-day week. Yesterday, the slide abated from Monday's 20p fall — ending the day down 10p at 655p — but continued to fuel fears that the share may be due for a downward re-rating.

The company is well into its close season — the year end is March 31 — and is refusing to say anything about its business, but the downward revision of 1982 profit figures by several brokers points to scepticism that the current rating around 16 can be held.

From profit forecasts of around £32m or £33m late last year, profit performance is expected by Carr Sebag and Messel's to fall to £29.5m. Last year, the pretax was £33m, and 1983 forecasts of £40m pretax have also been revised. The yield is 4.6 per cent, and the dividend is expected to be held at 20.5p gross, giving a total pay out of 30p for the year.

De La Rue's rating reflects the view that it is a growth stock. But such expectations were dealt a severe blow at the half year when Crosfield Electronics, its subsidiary which supplies scanners to the printing industry, announced losses of £5.66m. A second half recovery has been staged, and the full year performance at Crosfield is expected to be a £4m to £3.7m loss. This is a timely reminder that not even high-technology electronics are a recession-proof business.

Otherwise, the main subsidiary business, De La Rue Systems, which makes cash counting and dispensing machines has been steady, and has performed well in South America. Progress at Security Express, the courier and cash in transit operator, has been virtually static.

CAPITAL MARKETS

The European Community will issue yen 20,000m in so-called Samurai Bonds on the domestic Japanese capital market in May. The ten-year bonds will be the EEC's first Samurai Bond placement.

Amax International Finance is floating a $75m, 10-year Eurobond issue with an indicated 16.25 per cent annual coupon rate and open pricing. The bonds are guaranteed by Amax, the United States mining company.

The Islamic Development Bank has signed a loan agreement for $20m with Turkey to be spent on oil imports. Since January the bank has loaned $42.84m to Turkey in five separate loans, three for industrial projects and two for oil imports

The International Monetary Fund has granted a $120.7m loan to Zaire, after a 20 per cent drop in the country's export earnings last year after the decrease in world prices for metals, coffee and diamonds. Zaire's IMF quota is $257.6m.

The Swiss Confederation will tap the capital market for Sw Fr 150m this month rather than the Sw Fr 250m originally foreseen. The Confederation was happily surprised to learn late last month that its budget deficit for 1981 had been about Sw Fr 1,000m less than expected, allowing the Government the luxury of cutting back on its market borrowings.

A $75m syndicated medium-term loan at 1⅜ per cent over Bahrain Interbank Rate for the Saudi Arabian Shobokshi Trading and Construction Group has been signed. The three-year club loan was raised to finance the group's present projects in Saudi Arabia.

The Export Development Corporation and a Canadian banking consortium have signed a $48.5m credit to support Canadian development of an electrification project on the Ivory Coast.

OVERSEAS COMPANIES

Inchcape, the Singapore-based company, announced aftertax profits decline of 50 per cent to Sing$30.5m (£7.97m) in 1981 from 1980. The company cited depressed demand for motor vehicles in Malaysia, exchange rate fluctuations, high interest rates and the unprofitable timber business as reasons for the slump in profit, which turned out lower than predicted in August when interim results were released. The diversified car distributor, owned 64 per cent by United Kingdom-based Inchcape and Co, recommended a 10 Singapore cents a share final dividend, bringing the total payout 17.5 cents down from 25 cents in 1980.

Schering AG, the West German chemical company, has announced higher net consolidated profit and an 18.8 per cent rise in group turnover to DM3,820m (£882.2m) in 1981.

Groupe Bruxelles Lambert is planning a merger with its wholly-owned subsidiary Compagnie Bruxelles Lambert as part of a financial restructuring plan which will also include a change in its financial year dates.

McLouth Steel Corp. was expected to announce late yesterday its plans for dealing with a move by its lenders to stop financing the company and possibly to call in $112m in loans, according to Detroit reports. The company board was reportedly preparing its strategy against any call for liquidation.

The Norwegian consolidated group, which consists of Statoil Norsk Olje and Rafinor, had sales totalling Kr13,500m (£1,231.7m) in 1982 compared to Kr8,600m in 1980. The net income rose from Kr203m in 1980 to Kr1,019m in 1981. Taxes were Kr352m and it may pay dividends of Kr368m to the state. The consolidated group invested altogether slightly more than Kr3,000m in 1981. The investments in the development of the Statfjord field are still the largest item of about 70 per cent of the total investments. Internal financing was Kr2,700m. The largest part of Statoil's currency debt is in dollars.

INTERNATIONAL

JAPAN

Japanese Government leaders, jolted by a sharp economic slowdown in the October-December quarter, agreed yesterday to encourage public works projects with other measures, to fuel growth in coming months. The agreement was reahed at a cabinet meeting after an Economic Planning Agency announcement that Japan's economy fell an inflation-adjusted 3.5 per cent on an annual basis in 1981's last quarter, the first setback in nearly seven years and a surprise to government officials.

● Toyota Motor Company of Japan, and its selling arm, Toyota Motor Sales have decided the combined group will be known as Toyota Motor Corporation after the two companies merge on July 1.

● Nissan, the Japanese Motor company, has taken over Datsun Nederlands to strengthen sales in the Nederlands.

FRANCE

The share price recovery accelerated on Paris stock exchange yesterday, with the trend indicator showing average gains of 1.4 per cent after an 8 per cent drop over the past three weeks. Operators attributed the rise to a "corrective adjustment" that was encouraged by Monday's recovery on Wall Street.

● France is not thinking of tightening import restrictions on Japanese goods any further, according to M Michel Jobert, French Foreign Trade Minister, who is having talks in Tokyo on French-Japanese trade imbalance.

● French industrialists expect the rhythm of production in the very short term to remain steady as domestic demand continues to lag, the Bank of France said yesterday.

UNITED STATES

General Motors and Toyota, the leading car manufacturers in the United States and Japan, are to have further talks in the early summer on the possibility of joint production of small cars in America. Discussions on a co-operation venture began on March 1.

● Sales of American-made cars in the United States fell by an adjusted 31.8 per cent in the first ten days of March. Despite the offer of substantial discounts by the five main manufacturers, sales amounted to 155,530 in the period, against 202,569 a year earlier.

PHILIPPINES

The Philippine National Development Corporation has predicted that the nation's programme of 11 leading industrial projects will earn it $8,860m in foreign exchange by 1990, the Asian Wall Street Journal has reported. That amount far exceeds the earlier estimates of Bancom Development Corporation, a private consulting firm.

W GERMANY

About 5,000 West German steel workers in the Ruhr industrial city of Bochum started a warning strike to press for the same 4.2 per cent wage raise recently granted to metalworkers outside the iron and steel industry.

FINLAND

Finland's unemployment totalled 152,900 in February, which was 6.7 per cent of the total labour force. The number of workless was up by 2,000 from January and by 27,200 from a year earlier, the Labour Ministry said yesterday.

AUSTRALIA

Foreign investment in Australia rose in the last quarter of 1981 to A$1,430m (£841m) from a revised A$929m in the previous quarter. A year earlier the inflow was A$1,020m.

MALAYSIA

The Malaysian Government has formally requested Dutch help in persuading the European Economic Community to remove tariffs on its exports of crude and refined palm oil.

CANADA

Canada and Japan started four days of talks in Tokyo yesterday with Canadian Trade Minister Mr Edward Lumley calling for restraints on Japan's car exports. Mr Lumley will demand that Japan should buy more Canadian car parts to redress the trade imbalance.

UNITED KINGDOM

World merchant shipping tonnage lost completely in the first quarter of 1981, as reported by Lloyd's Register up to December 31, fell to 279,229 gross tons (94 ships) from 335,880 tons (89 ships) in the 1980 final quarter.

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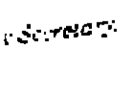
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BUSINESS NEWS/FOCUS AND COMMENT

PEOPLE

Ebullient doctor bows out

Oscar Roith becomes chief engineer and Scientist at the Department of Industry next July, succeeding chief scientist and engineer, Dr Duncan Davies. Dr Davies had moved over from chief scientist (no mention of engineer) Ieuan Maddock five years ago. The job title reflects the steady change in role from chief boffin in charge of the departmental laboratories such as the National Physical



Oscar Roith; courteous

Laboratory, to general technological adviser.

Mr Roith is moving to the civil service from BP International where he ran the group engineering and technical centre. But, as chairman of the government's Mechanical and Electrial Engineering Requirements Board, he is familiar with the corridors of Ashdowne House, the industrys department's base on Victoria Street.

The change-over will not bring any abrupt policy changes, Mr Roith assured me: "My predecessor has done a great deal and I'm going to build on that."

But, *even* if there are no new directions, the 1840 scientists and engineers employed by the department will feel a distinct change in personality. Their new boss — or, rather, Head of Profession, to use the more decorous civil service terminology — is quiet and courteous, in contrast to the outspoken Dr Davies, a man for whom the word "ebullient" might have been invented.

People are finding that a new rock concert hall in Brixton, South London, is living up to its name: at the opening night of the Fair Deal ticket touts were selling £4 tickets for £2.

An uncommon procedure

Can there have been an odder debate in the House of Commons than the one held this week when the Opposition was around to speak but not to vote? This was not a Parliamentary debate, I hasten to add, although I am sure there are MPs on either side of the House who would welcome an extension of the same principle to Westminster business.

The Advertising Association debating group arranged to use a common committee room to air the motion: Advertising is such an important means of communication that it should be more rigorously controlled.

The audience was largely of advertising people and the motion, lost before it was debated, sank without trace.

Knight of steel in a new role

Finnish steelmaker, Rautaruukki Oy, is consolidating its presence in British market with a new company whose chairman is to be Michael Dowding. Mr Dowding, a consulting engineer, is no stranger to the steel industry or indeed to Finland.

He spent the bulk of his career with the Davy Group which is a major contractor for steelworkers, chemicals plants and the like. He was president of the Metals Society three years ago.

His links with Finland go back a considerable time and encompass membership of the Finnish British Technological Committee and, like other Brits who have worked to develop a closer relationship between the two countries, Mr Dowding is a Commander, Knights of the Finnish Lion.

Clive Cookson

NEW APPOINTMENTS

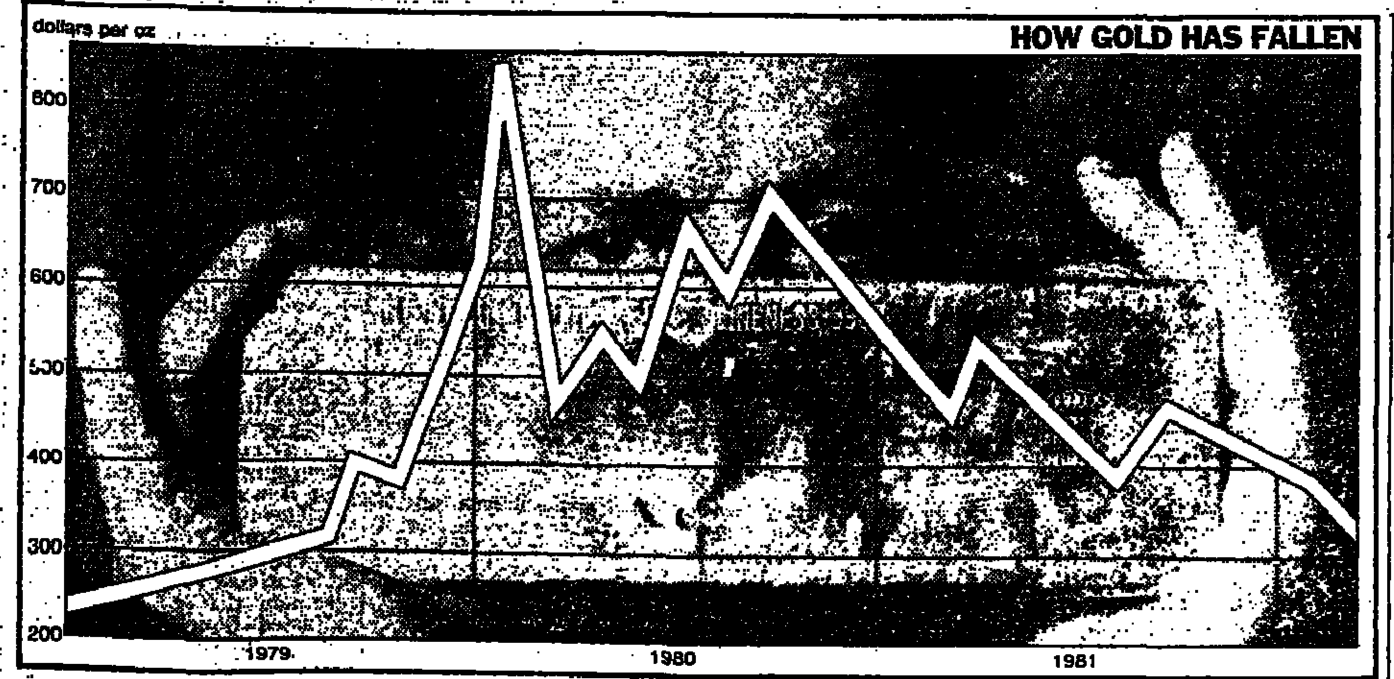
Mr Derek Evans of Cable & Wireless has been appointed chief executive of Mercury Communications. Other members of the board are Messrs J. L. W. Bird, P. A. McCunn, R. Watson, C. F. H. Morland, G. M. Morris and B. Marson-Smith. Further appointments include Mr P. A. Colt as technical director and G. J. Grocott as senior project manager.

Mr T. J. Attwood has been appointed chairman of the Post Office Users' National Council from April 1 this year until March 31 1985.

Mr Derek Bond and Mr P. J. D. Heaf have been appointed directors of the Permanent Insurance Company. They replace Dr S. P. Meadows and Sir Clifford Naunton Morgan who have retired.

Mr D. Gordon and Mr M. Rapp have been appointed directors of Capital & Counties. Mr E. Pavitt has resigned

The gold market is troubled. The price has been dropping steadily and some analysts believe it could fall even farther, perhaps as low as $250 an ounce. The weakness of gold is causing problems both for producers like South Africa, and for those who bought it when the price was much higher. Michael Prest reports



Gold: when will the market turn?

While London bullion dealers were musing yesterday over whether gold had much further to fall, investors in Kuwait were convinced that at about $320 an ounce the metal was a bargain. Frantic gold buying was reported and some overwhelmed traders were said to be weighing the banknotes rather than counting them.

After a prolonged bear market which has seen gold tumble by $100 since the beginning of this year, signs of buying in the Arab countries are significant. It is a maxim in the gold market that when the astute investors of the gold souks turn from selling to buying, the gold price is at or close to its nadir.

But it is equally telling that the apparently more sophisticated professional dealers of London, New York, Zurich and Hongkong are still nervous about the strength of downward pressures. They fear that gold, which exactly two years ago reached a record price of $850 an ounce, has not yet hit the bottom, at least in the short term. They are worried that confidence on the metal's investment properties has been damaged.

Some experts are also concerned that the long term outlook is lacklustre. Whereas the 1970s was a decade in which inflation, rising oil prices, a weak dollar, and political upheavals, benefited gold the 1980s will be characterised by deflation, a stronger dollar and greater wariness by investors towards gold.

These ruminations are not confined to the dealers whose profits depend on an active and preferably rising market. They are shared by the producers, chiefly South Africa and the Soviet Union, for whom the falling gold price (along with oil, diamonds and other precious metals) spells lower government revenues and balance of payments problems.

Central banks will also suffer. Countries such as France, West Germany and Italy which were major gold buyers in the late 1960s and in the 1970s have still made major capital gains. But others such as Iran, Iraq, Indonesia and Colombia, which bought some of their gold reserves at the height of the boom in 1979 and 1980 have incurred losses.

This in turn could set back the cause of "monetizing" gold — effectively returning to a gold standard — a cause already damaged by the refusal of President Reagan's gold commission to countenance a return to this system. Some of the more devoted gold bugs, as the market calls them — had placed high hopes in conservative Republican administration seeing the sense of "sound money". Their disappointment has been a factor in undermining the gold price recently and has led other major investors, notably in the Middle East to sell.

But more profound forces have been at work as well. Gold dealers cite three main depressants: high interest rates, the relative strength of the dollar, and reaction against the high prices two years ago. The result has been a cumulative collapse of confidence which has fed on itself. Technical market analysts are now gloomily studying their charts and talking about the price falling to as low as $280 an ounce.

Gold is frequently regarded as a hedge against inflation, although the historical evidence for the metal holding its value is open to question; and even if the same quantity of gold might buy as good a suit now as 50 years ago, there have certainly been violent short term fluctuations in the price. But during the great inflation of the 1970s, when some pessimists thought paper money would collapse in a wave of hyper-inflation, gold seemed attractive.

Ironically, however, the same monetarist argument which deplored the printing of banknotes led to high interest rates. Stagflation became the great enemy of gold, on the one hand depressing commodity prices generally, and on the other hand making the yield on paper assets vey attractive. If an investor can make 16 per cent on Eurobonds or government securities, why tie up money in a dead asset such as gold?

The argument was reinforced last year as interest rates produced real returns for the first time in a decade. So gold, which as the chart shows, entered 1981 at about $580 an ounce, was soon trapped in a remorseless downward trend. At the same time the aggressive attitude of the United States Federal Reserve towards interest rates shored up the dollar. In

GOLD PRODUCTION

(1980 metric tonnes)

South Africa	675
Soviet Union	300*
China	50*
Canada	49.3
USA	27.6
Rest of Africa	29.7
Brazil	35
Rest of Latin America	50.5
Philippines	22
Rest of Asia	9.4
Europe	9.2
Australia	17.3
Papua/New Guinea	14
Rest of Oceania	4
TOTAL	1,293

* Estimates Source: Cons Gold

August, £971, the Nixon Administration was forced to end gold convertibility at $35 an ounce because holders of the dollar were so anxious to unload their currency. By the end of last year the reverse process was in train.

As these forces built up, investors and some official holders of gold decided to sell. Reports of sustained selling by Middle East investors began to circulate. Sensing that it might be a good while before the price rose again to $850 or more, they liquidated stock, often at a loss. The market, seeing major investors fleeing, grew more agitated.

Confidence in the gold market waa also undermined by the problems of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the falling oil price. As oil and gold prices rose in the 1970s some analysts stressed the apparent correlation between the two: in 1974 gold was $100 an ounce and oil was $10 a barrel; in mid-1980 gold was $300 and oil was $30. But the necessary connexion was never clear, except in the general context of inflation. There is a psychological link, however, and the recent weakness of oil has played on gold.

More substantial is the strain placed on some oil producers by the combination of low prices and war. Iran and Iraq were both said to have sold gold in January and February, and their denials met with scepticism in the market. It is a paradox that the crisis in the Middle East which might only a year ago have been enough to push gold up, is now having the opposite effect.

But the biggest oil producer of all is the Soviet Union, and it is Russian gold sales which have dominated the market, for the past six months as revenues from oil have slipped. The Soviet Union's gold production is a state secret, but output is estimated by Consolidated Gold Fields, the British mining finance house at around 300 tonnes a year. Market sources believe that as much as 250 tonnes of Soviet gold could have been sold last year. A Sharp increase from 90 tonnes in 1980.

The Soviet Union has pressing cash problems caused by bad harvests and the fall in earnings from energy exports. But gold experts are cautious about the impact on prices of its sales, pointing out that the Russians are astute sellers whose interests do not lie in disrupting the market.

The same arguments apply with greater force to South Africa. The republic is far and away the world's leading gold producer, contributing 675 tonnes to the total non-communist newly mined gold output of 943 tonnes in 1980. Production last year was slightly less. In 1980-81 government revenue from South African gold mines was 3,600m rand (£1,925m), but in the financial year 1982-83 government receipts could decline to R1,000m.

South Africa is in fact more vulnerable than the Soviet Union. A balance of payments *surplus* has been turned into a likely deficit of R3,000m; the rand has fallen rapidly against the dollar and South African interest rates have hit the unprecedented heights of 20 per cent.

About 14 of South Africa's 37 main gold mines have costs of more than $300 an ounce, and none is less than $100. Profit margins are therefore under pressure from the low price and high inflation, at a time when the mines are committed to better wages and conditions for their 600,000 black workers. The political implications for a government which is trying to liberalize its domestic policy are considerable.

So signs of buying in the Arab world will be well received, even if there are reservations. At yesterday afternoon's fix in London the price was $324½, up $12½ from the same time on Monday. Some traders took the view, however, that the rise was largely engineered by speculators taking limited positions. The fundamentals do not appear promising: interest rates in the United States are high, and there is no sign that major western buyers are returning to the market.

Against that is the general expectation or hope that prices will be higher at the end of the year than now. Demand in the Far East has been strong for about a year, particularly for small bullion bars. Last year Japanese investors bought 150 tonnes of gold and dealers expect the market to stay firm. The supply of gold to the world market is likely to be less than 1,700 tonnes, which will keep the balance with demand delicate. Central banks may be tempted to intervene.

In such circumstances, the case goes, a combination of falling interest rates, weaker dollar, the conviction that gold is underpriced relative to other commodities and inflation, and possibly the odd political crisis, could reverse the downward trend. A wary forecast is that gold will trade around $350 at the end of the year. It may be that the souk merchants of Kuwait know something the gnomes of Zurich do not.

Business Editor

Guinness Peat starts to reshape

The boardroom cracks may have been papered over at Guinness Peat, but the new chief executive Mr Alastair Morton has less room for manoeuvre than he would *like in his task* of knocking shape into a group which has lost its sense of direction.

Yesterday's first-half figures — commendably more informative than in the past — were far worse than feared: pre-tax losses have soared to £7.4m against profits last time of £3.6m, and there is an overall deficit after extraordinary items of £13½m. So the group does not have the luxury of robust profits or a strong enough balance sheet to sit around deciding where its future lies.

In general terms GP seems to be returning to its roots reviving the traditional merchant banking concept of a broadly based financial services operation with its fingers in allied pies like insurance broking and commodity broking. Gone are the grand strategies of turning the group into an industrial holding company, because the capital intensive nature of these activities are what have brought GP to this sorry state.

If the Guinness Mahon merchant bank is to develop it will need all the spare capital GP can muster. It must, therefore, come as a double disappointment that the stake in Unitel, with its money broking and Telerate financial information interests, has been unravelled only a few months after it was held to be a major *growth leg for the group.*

True, GP realizes a handsome profit on this deal of £8½m, while the £18m the sale of the stake to Exco realizes will help bring borrowings back to a more comfortable level. But if GP aspires to a bigger role in financial services generally, the withdrawal from Unitel is a short-sighted move.

Plainly then GP is still feeling its way towards the future. At least the Chicago animal fats haemorrhage, which cost another £4.9m in the first half, has been staunched and lossmakers elsewhere have been sold.

But, with a passed interim dividend and the fruits of the present reorganization still at least a year away, there *is* a lot of hope value in the shares, up 7p to 68p yesterday.

GP is likely to look enviously at the sort of returns Exco is squeezing out of money broking with its pre-tax profits four-fifths higher at £10.7m as it has continued to thrive in volatile interest and exchange rate markets.

Rowntree/H&P Into limbo

The Office of Fair Trading duly filled in part of the Monopolies Commission's spring and summer schedule yesterday by referring *both* the Rowntree-Mackintosh bid for Huntley & Holden.

The OFT is obviously sensitive about the food industry at the moment. The referral of these two major manufacturers, to the surprise of the City, follows on last autumn's surprise referral of the proposed Argyll bid for Linfood at the distributive end of the business.

Nabisco has, of course, not yet made a counter offer for H & P, but if it seriously intends to, then it would not be unprecedented for it to ask the commission to look at the implications of a possible Nabisco — H & P tie-up at the same time.

Meanwhile, as the commission investigates, H & P's main task becomes one of justifying its dogged resistance to Rowntree's overtures. Certainly, if it can prove that it is on the road to a signifficant profit recovery, then Rowntree might *find it rather* more difficult to return with a fresh bid towards the end of the summer.

But at the moment that looks doubtful. In any case it is hard to argue that Rowntree's offer is ungenerous, and even after yesterday's sharp fall to 83p H & P's shares are selling at close to 20 times historic earnings.

I.L. 1988 Tender time

Investors posting their applications today for the indexed-linked 2 per cent Treasury stock, 1988 should try to avoid second-guess*ing the market. A new toy* should be played with caution.

What this means in practice is that private investors should regard the par value of £100 per cent as a ceiling price. Given the multiple tendering from the institutions and rich foreigners, the likelihood is that the striking price, i.e. the minimum tender accepted by the Bank of England, may be around £98 per cent, to return a real 2¼ per cent in line with current indexed-linked offerings.

Those who are not prepared to tender a little over the odds, should be advised to wait and pick up stock when a market has been established.

Those waiting for that springtime drop in United States interest rates are having their patience sorely tried. Banks that had got ahead of the game with prime rate reductions found themselves adjusting back upwards to a mainstream 16½ per cent yesterday while the Fed Funds rate remained firm at 15¾ per cent in early trading.

Back home the Bank kept the British money market situation under reasonable control. Its £754m of help on a shortage finally forecast at £600m pushed the overnight interbank rate down to a closing level of 6 per cent, though it did not prevent period rates edging a touch higher.

Where instinct counts more than reason

AT WORK: CURRENCY DEALING

By Rupert Morris

The National Westminster Bank's World Money Centre, in Threadneedle Street, one of the largest foreign exchange dealing rooms in London, looks not unlike Mission Control, Houston.

Dealers sit at desks in a three-tiered semicircle, a flag on each desk denoting the currencies in which they are dealing. It was a fairly quiet morning when I was there, and someone had struck a playful note by placing a Jolly Roger on the manager's desk.

Each dealer has a television screen, on which he can summon details of currencies or markets, a board with flashing lights and names of brokers, a telephone and switchboard with a batch of direct lines, a number of speakers and perhaps a keyboard.

On the ceiling a battery of digital clocks give the time in the world's various financial centres. London is the central dealing point largely because of the time factor — it can do business with the Far East in the morning and New York in the afternoon.

The noise is more or less constant, with rattling telex machines in the distance, the ringing of phones, bleeping of switchboards and dealers shouting across the room or down intercoms, and a stream of information coming over the desk speakers like the Extel service in a bookmaker's shop.

When things get really busy, it must be impossible to think. But then dealers seem to react more by instinct than reason, anyway. "I become zonal", says Mr Ken de la Salle, a senior dealer who fixes National Westminster's dollar spot prices. "I know whether conversations are intended for me or not."

It was Monday morning, and the market was "very edgy", he said. Sterling had lost ground over the weekend, and was gaining or



Dealing in millions at the National Westminster Bank's World Money Centre.

losing minor decimal points every few minutes.

As Mr de la Salle explained what was going on, he broke off now and then to answer the telephone, or make a quick call himself. He had to know what the banks' branches were buying or selling, so that he could cover any temporary debt. He buys or sells according to the prices he is quoted, and the way he reads the market. He also quotes prices to other dealers, who buy or sell to him.

When dealers talk to each other, they mention only the last two figures of a dollar sterling exchange rate.

"I just gave a dealer from Midland Bank a quote of 70 to 78," says Mr de la Salle, "because I read him as a buyer." Some days you win, some days you lose. You never end up even at the end of the day.

Mr de la Salle cannot really avoid taking his work home: after a working day from 8am to about 5.30pm, he will probably contact New York by telephone twice in the evening: exchange rates might make it essential for the bank and its customers to do business when it is afternoon over there, but bedtime in Engand.

A National Westminister dealer earns between £8,000 as a junior and about £25,000 at the top level — not a fortune, considering the responsibility and nervous strain involved.

So what does Mr de la Salle, 39, living in Sevenoaks with a wife and daughter, like about his exacting job? "Everything," he says: "the speed, the independence and the responsibility. You are a complete unit and you can see the result of your work."

His colleague Mr Allan Chase, in his mid-forties and the most senior dealer, was buying and selling £33m worth of currency while we were speaking. He plays the forward markets, buying dollars 17 days ahead, for instance, then selling them three months later, or vice-versa, depending on how he anticipates the movement of interest rates.

Mr de la Salle is happy where he is, on the spot market. But in a few years' time he might move to Mr Chase's less frenetic job, if Mr Chase moves up to become a manager.

Dealers don't burn themselves out in the same way that commodity brokers do, but there are very few over 50. Mr Owen Mitchell, 55-year-old senior manager, worked his way up from the dealing floor. Now he monitors the bank's position throughout the day, and takes the responsibility of any temporary deficit that may be borne overnight as a result of his dealers' efforts.

"Dealing is not the sort of job you can just do for five years," says Mr Mitchell. "It takes three years to train a dealer, so I need more years out him than that."

The typical dealer will be a bright young man with A levels but no university degree, who has worked in the bank for four years or more. There are very few women.

Different dealers have different temperaments, but they require certain essential characteristics. Mr Ronald Reading of Chase Manhattan in London, said: "They've got to have a good IQ and native intelligence; they must be numerate and quick. People who like to spend time thinking things out logically are no good. They must have great courage, self-confidence, even cockiness.

"They are putting themselves on the line every minute of the day, and they've got to have the ability to take knocks and bounce back. At the same time they've got to take it seriously.

Dealing on the foreign exchange markets is a job that attracts an increasing number of people, but the turnover is remarkably low. At Chase Manhattan, Mr Ronald Reading has lost only four dealers out of a complement of 20 on three years.

There must be some explanation for the attraction of this job that seems so nerve-rending, even soul-destroying.

It is more than just excitement — there are many jobs that offer more pure excitement. Its fascination seems to lie in the peculiar allure of money — not for personal gain, because a salary of £25,000 after 10 or 15 years is hardly sensational — but because of its versatility and unique evanescence, where millions appear and disappear evey few minutes, as if by magic.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	13%
Barclays	13%
BCCI.....................	13½%
Consolidated Crds.	13½%
C. Hoare & Co	*13%
Lloyds Bank	13%
Midland Bank	13%
Nat Westminster	13%
TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 10¼%, £10,000 up to £50,000 11%, £50,000 and over 11¼%.

BUSINESS NEWS/COMPANIES AND MARKET REPORTS

BROOKE BOND

First-half profits lukewarm

Soaring interest charges to finance Brooke Bond's latest acquisition left the tea and food group's first half pretax profits well below expectations.

The cost of borrowing the cash payment in its £62m takeover of Mallinson Denny, the timber group, together with high interest rates, gave the group an interest bill of £10.7m compared with £3.4m in the previous six months.

After stripping out interest charges, profits before tax came out at £18.9m compared with £19.2m which contrasts with earlier forecasts of £20m to £21m. Together with the news that the half-time dividend is held at 1.79p gross the shares slipped 2½p to 54½p.

But Brooke Bond, which regards 1982 as its year of transition and consolidation is well pleased with the Mallinson acquisition as the next stage to providing long term growth. Mallnson's results are included in the accounts for the first time with profits at about £1m pretax and after interest.

But it is by pushing into the area of branded products that Brooke believes its strategy will pay off over the next five years with healthy profits.

Otherwise the group saw trading profits from its United Kingdom and overseas interests move ahead with exchange rate translations adding £1.5m, up £7m to £29m. Manufacturing and distribution overseas were particularly buoyant in Australia and India but Brooke Bond sees an eventual decline from plantation profits.

Losses at Brooke Bond's United Kingdom meat processing and retailing activities continue with pressure on margins blamed because of excessive beef prices. Rationalization with the loss of 120 jobs have been carried out and further reorganization is under review.

Over this year Brooke Bond will see a cash inflow of £23m from sale of divestments already made. This will bring down borrowings which, at £163m represent about half of shareholders' funds, and further reductions are possible but high interest charges will knock full year results this time round.

TRICENTROL

Rival CCP bid



Mr James Longcroft, who heads Tricentrol

Tricentrol has launched a rival bid for CCP North Sea, the small exploration company in which Cluff Oil holds just under 30 per cent. The new bid is worth just under 4p a share more than the offer made a month ago by Charterhouse Petroleum.

The offer from Tricentrol, the medium-sized British oil company headed by tax exile Mr James Longcroft, is identical to that from Charterhouse, except in the value of the terms. Tricentrol is offering seven shares and 700p in cash for every 10 CCP shares. At last night's middle price for Tricentrol shares of 174p, it is worth 191.8p a share, valuing CCP at around £15m.

Charterhouse's offer was two of its shares, plus 50p in cash, for each CCP share, which is worth 188p at a middle price for Charterhouse of 69p. Both offers also involve the bidders buying a 17.1 per cent stake in the North Sea exploration block 20/8 from Cluff Oil, and possible joint ventures in the North Sea and overseas between them and Cluff Oil.

Each company claims to have supporting commitments from CCP directors of between 12 and 15 per cent. Cluff Oil, having originally favoured the Charterhouse approach, says it now intends to commit its 29.9 per cent stake in CCP to Tricentrol.

Shares in CCP, whose major interest is a 6 per cent net production interest in the North Sea Buchan field, rose to 193p before retreating to 186p, where they stand at a small discount to both bids. This implies that the market considers the price of the two bidders' shares is likely to fall marginally.

CHARTERHOUSE

Oil boost

Charterhouse Petroleum improved both turnover and profits last year from oil production but gains have been more than offset by the supplementary petroleum duty — recently abolished — and higher exploration expenses.

Nevertheless, pretax profits improved to £10.1m against £9m on turnover up £5m to £17.1m. Profit from oil production before duty was £10.6m against £9.1 but higher interest earned on cash balances pushed pretax profits up. Cash on balance totalled £30.7m.

The group is paying a final dividend of 0.7p gross making a total of 1.07p gross for the year.

Charterhouse says it is increasing its commitment to oil and gas exploration with new areas of discovery in the North Sea and other ventures. It has also obtained recently a sizable interest in a large offshore concession in Abu Dhabi.

J. BIBBY & SON

Record six

The Liverpool-based industrial to agricultural group J. Bibby and Sons has completed its sixth year of record profits despite competitive trading.

In the year to January, Bibby saw pretax profits rise 12.58 per cent to £12.18m, on turnover up 7.7 per cent at £204.6m.

Most of the improvement came from a higher trading surplus in the edible oils division and further growth from the hospital and laboratory supplies concerns.

Only results for four weeks are included from its recently acquired industrial services division, Furmanite International, where an 85 per cent share was bought in December for £3.85m. But growth prospects here are good, with Furmanite firmly based in the United States market, which provides two-thirds of profits.

A record trading profit in the agricultural division was due mainly to healthy results from feeds and seeds. This largely offset the losses in the group's turkey operation, caused by increasing competition from imports.

The final gross dividend is lifted to 8.7p making a total gross payment of 12.14p against 10.17p. The shares rose 10p to 345p. A free one-for-two scrip issue is also proposed.

Mr Leslie Young, the chairman, says that, while trading will continue to be tough, another record year is in sight.

PITTARD GROUP

Sharp upturn

Pittard Group, the Yeovil-based specialist leather producers has seen a sharp improvement from pretax losses of £521,000 to profits of £1.89m for the year to December. Sales were marginally down at £18.16m against £18.32m, but overseas sales show steady growth and now stands at 44 per cent against 42 per cent last year. Mr Neil Wood, chairman, said yesterday that the company's long term future seemed to lie overseas. "We could see overseas sales rising to 50 per cent in the current year," he said.

The dividend has been held at 3.75p gross, making a total pay-out for the year of 5.71p gross.

Last year, Pittard was forced to dip into reserves to reward its shareholders, but this year's pay out is covered on a current cost basis, according to the company. But it will not comply with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (SSAP) 16 this year by publishing current cost accounts on the grounds that the inflation-adjusted figures are of no interest to shareholders. Mr Wood said the profit turnaround and reduction of borrowings by 50 per cent to £1.6m vindicated last year's decision to hold the dividend despite the £521,000 trading loss.

The main growth area is the sale of specially-treated semi-waterproofed leather to an American golf glove manufacturer.

"We have sold £2m worth of goods and sales are increasing monthly ," said Mr Wood.

Another growth area is leather for the Italian clothing market. There are also plans to penetrate the clothing market in West Germany and France. These overseas sales markets, and the possibility of participating in a major Ministry of Defence order for waterproofed leather combat boots, has led to double shift working at Yeovil. A third shift capacity is also likely said Mr John Pittard, managing director. But increasingly, production has become capital-intensive and the addition of an extra shift will lead to the hiring of only a few more workers, he said.

Volume sales increases between 10 and 15 per cent are expected this year, but the company has now moved away deliberately from taking large orders with low margins, Mr Wood said.

"We are now looking for bigger margins, though it could be May of June before we see the benefits come through," he said.

On the stock market, Pittard ordinary shares rose 3p yesterday to 60p. This gives a gross dividend yield of 9.5 per cent.

DUCTILE STEELS

Dividend back

With its steel, tube and stockholding divisions back in profit, Ductile Steels has restored its half year dividend after last year's £1.48m pretax loss was transformed into a £2.06m profit in the 27 weeks to January 2.

This was in line with the forecast made by Mr Ronald Sidaway, chairman, after the first quarter results. The results were welcomed in the Stock Market where the shares put on 3p to 122p.

Mr Sidaway said the results confirmed the recovery in trading performance, but the group was still operating below capacity with considerable scope to benefit from any further upturn in demand.

Turnover rose from £23.12m to £28.0m and stated earnings per share were 9.97p against a loss of 0.8p.

The largest shareholder in Ductile Steels is Caparo Industries with 20 per cent and rumoured as an eventual bidder. Mr Swraj Paul, who owns 58 per cent of Caparo, suggested after the first quarter results that he might increase his stake if the half-year forecasts were not met.

WOLSELEY HUGHES

More exports

Wolseley Hughes, the agricultural machinery, engineering and merchanting business, has staged a sales and profits recovery for the half year to January.

Sales are up 19 per cent to £10[illegible]m from £[illegible]m, and pretax profits by 53 per cent from £3.4[illegible] to £5.4m.

Mr Jeremy Lancaster, chairman, says in his interim report that improved results at the trading level were evenly spread across the group's divisions, but are mainly due to an increased export performance.

The principal division, domestic heating and plumbing distribution, saw some increase in volume, but pressure on margins continues in what the company describes as a very competitive environment.

Demand for garden machinery is flat, but the farm machinery subsidiaries have had increased orders since dealers have finally run down their stocks, Mr Lancaster says.

Good export business has also helped the footwear division. But engineering and plastics have seen little increase in domestic demand. "There is unikely to be any significant change in the group's fortunes until the economy as a whole starts to expand. Meanwhile we continue our efforts to prune all unprofitable activities."

A spokesman for the company said some profit improvement had already fed through the system as a result of last year's rationalization programme.

The half-year dividend has been increased to 6.9p gross against 6.28p gross.

LATEST RESULTS

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
J. Bibby (F)	204.5(189.9)	12.1(10.8)	22.53(19.98)	6.1(4.92)	—	8.5(7.1)
Brooke Bond (I)	486(325.9)	18.9(19.3)	—(—)	1.2(1.2)	1/7	—(3.9)
Bronx Eng. (F)	7.47(14.84)	0.88a(0.5)	6.51a(12.96)	0.7(0.7)	27/11	1.04(1.08)
Compco (I)	—(—)	0.16(0.16)	3.85(3.6)	—(—)	—	—(1.95)
Ductile Steels (I)	28(23.12)	2.06(1.48a)	9.97(0.8a)	2.5(—)	30/4	—(4.5)
McLaughlin & Harvey (F)	46.2(46.3)	1.32(1.2)	27.3(44.9)	3.95(—)	6/5	5.75(5.25)
Municipal Props. (F)	0.32(0.28)	0.27(0.3)	26.99(29.1)	8.25(7.5)	—	8.25(7.5)
Johnstone's Paints (F)	8.11(7.4)	1.61(1.14)	8.53(9.11)	1.76(—)	27/4	2.52(—)
George Ingham (F)	2.95(2.67)	0.025(0.072a)	1.2(—)	0.25(—)	—	0.25(—)
Peel Hldgs. (I)	—(—)	0.048(0.033)	3.35(2.5)	1.0(—)	—	—(2.0)
Guinness Peat (I)	271.6(281.3	7.39a(3.55)	—(—)	—(2.75)	—	—(7.0)
IMI (F)	532.4(628.5)	23.8(28.2)	5.9(10.7)	2.5(2.5)	7/5	4.5(4.5)
Trade Indemnity (F)	—(—)	3.79(5.23)	26.47(36.17)	4.5(4.1)	—	6.9(6.3)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. a Loss.

COMMODITIES

COPPER: Higher grade closed steady at the higher levels — Afternoon. — Higher grade cash, £835-35.50; three months, £863-63.50. Sales: 4,525 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £833-34.00; three months, £859-60.00. Sales, nil tonnes. Morning. — Higher grade cash, £834.50-35.00; three months, £861.50-62.00. Settlement, £835.00. Sales, 9,150 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £831-33.00; three months, £859-60.00. Settlement, £833.00. Sales, 100 tonnes.

TIN: Standard tin was steadier at yesterday's close. — Afternoon — Standard cash, £7,210-20 a tonne; three months, £7,370-75. Sales, 990 tonnes. High grade, cash, £7,210-20; three months, £7,370-75. Sales, nil tonnes. Morning. — Standard cash, £7,175-85; three months, £7,365-70. Settlement, £7,185. Sales, 685 tonnes. High grade, cash, £7,175-85; three months, £7,365-70. Settlement, £7,185. Sales, nil tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works, SM30.57 a picul.

LEAD was steady. — Afternoon. — Cash, £351-52.00 per tonne; three months, £354-56.50. Sales, 5,250 tonnes. Morning. — Cash, £352.50-53.50; three months, £355.50-56.00. Settlement, £353.50. Sales, 7,450 tonnes.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash £448-49.00 per tonne; three months £453-54.00. Sales, 7,150 tonnes. Morning.—Cash £451-53.00; three months £455-56.00. Settlement, £453.00. Sales 4,375 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £172.40 ($311.35) a troy ounce.

SILVER was steadier, but quiet.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 395.60p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 715.00); three months, 407.85p (740.50c); six months, 419.70p (765.70c); one year, 445.95p (818.70c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 398.5-99.5p; three months, 411.5-13.0p. Sales, 38 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 395.5-96p; three months, 408.1-8.2p. Settlement, 396.0p. Sales, 31 lots.

ALUMINIUM was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £578-78.50 per tonne; three months £600-600.50. Sales, 2,850 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £576.50-77.50; three months £599-99.50. Settlement, £577.50. Sales, 5,175 tonnes.

NICKEL was steady, but quiet. — Afternoon. — Cash £3190-3200 per tonne; three months £3205-10. Sales, 156 tonnes. Morning — Cash £3195-3200; three months £3206-07. Settlement, £3200. Sales, 438 tonnes.

RUBBER (pence per kilo): Apl 50.30-51.00; May 51.50-52.00; Apl/June 51.50-51.70; Jly/Sep 55.10-55.30; Oct/Dec 56.80-56.90; Jan/Mch 58.80-58.90; Apl/Jne 61.40-61.50; Jly/Sep 63.20-63.50; Oct/Dec 65.10-65.20. Sales: 197 lots at 15 tonnes each. Includes two kerbs.

COFFEE. — ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): Mch 1470-1475; May 1278-1279; Jly 1203-1205; Sep 1171-1172; Nov 1147-1155; Jan 1145-1148; Mch 1130-1140. Sales: 5,725 lots, including 59 options.

COCOA (£per metric ton). — March, 1,135-1,137; May, 1,108-1,109; July, 1,131-1,132; Sep 1,150-1,151; Dec, 1,172-1,173; March 1,189-1,190; May, 1,200-1,210. Sales: 5,545 lots. ICCO prices: daily (March 15), 92.59c; indicator price (March 16) 5-day average, 93.40c. (US cents per lb).

SUGAR. — The London daily price of "raws" was £3.00 higher at £148; the "whites" price was £3.00 higher at £165. Futures (£ per tonne): May, 154.15-154.20; Aug, 158.25-158.55; Oct, 163.00-163.45; Jan, 163.25-164.50; March, 169.75-170.25; May, 172.75-173.25. Sales 3,855 lots. ISA prices (March 15): daily, 10.86c; 15-day average, 11.80c.

SOYABEAN MEAL (£ per tonne). — April, 130.80-131.30; June, 129.00-129.40; Aug, 129.50-129.70; Oct, 130.20-130.50; Dec, 133.10-133.50; Feb, 132.50-137.00; April, 133.00-140.00. Sales: 196 lots.

WOOL. — NZ Crossbreds No 2 contract (cents per kilo): March 393-405; May 405-410; Aug 425-427; Oct 426-428; Dec 426-428; Jan 426-428; March 436-438; May 442-445; Aug 452-454. Sales: 30 lots.

GRAIN. (The Baltic) — WHEAT. — Canadian western red spring, No 1 13½, unquoted. US dark northern spring, No 1, 14 percent: April £118.75; May £111.75; June £111.50 trans-shipment east coast. US hard winter, 13½ percent, unquoted. EEC, unquoted.
English feed fob: May £130.00 paid south coast.

MAIZE. — US/French, unquoted. S Africa White/yellow April/May £79

BARLEY. — English feed fob: Aug £104.50 paid south coast.
All cif UK unless stated.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta) EEC origin. — BARLEY: March £107.55; May £110.55; Sept £102.30; Nov £106.10; Jan £109.85. Sales: 75 lots.
WHEAT: March £113.10; May £116.10; July £119.40; Sept £106.65; Nov £110.15; Jan £113.95. Sales: 126 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority. — Location ex-farm spot prices:

	OTHER MILLING WHEAT	FEED WHEAT	FEED BARLEY
S. East	—	£109.70	£107.00
S. West	—	—	£108.00
W. Mids	—	£110.50	£106.10
N. West	—	—	£109.30

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 16: — GB: Cattle, 101.40p per kg lw (-1.02). UK: Sheep, 215.75p per kg est. dcw (+4.56). GB: Pigs, 78.90p per kg lw (+0.57).
England and Wales: Cattle nos down 0.7 per cent, ave price, 100.98p (-0.51). Sheep nos down 10.8 per cent, ave price, 214.90p (+5.57). Pig nos up 1.1 per cent ave price, 78.88p (+0.59).
Scotland: Cattle nos up 1.8 per cent, ave price, 102.48p (-2.31). Sheep nos down 6.4 per cent, ave price, 210.85p (+2.01). Pig nos up 4.8 per cent, ave price, 79.04p (+0.45).

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXHANGE ($ US per tonne). — Mar, 260.00-64.50; Apr, 247.50-47.75; May, 235.75-36.00; Jun, 232.50-33.00; July, 235.00-35.50; Aug, 239.25-39.50; Sept, 243.50-45.00; Oct, 246.00-48.00; Nov, 247.00-55.00. Sales: 3,235 lots of 100 tonnes each.

POTATOES (Gafta). — April £137.90; Nov, £69.00; Feb, £79.90. Sales 787 lots of 40 tonnes each.

AUSTRALIAN URANIUM DEPOSIT: Canberra, March 16. — The Australian Government has conditionally approved development of Australia's richest uranium deposit at Jabiluka in the Northern Territory.

The move enables project-partners, Pancontinental Mining and Getty Oil Development, to start negotiating sales from the mine which contains an estimated minimum of 200,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

To gain final approval the partners must meet government requirements that uranium projects be 75 per cent Australian owned. The US-owned Getty has 35 per cent and Pancontinental 65 per cent of the scheme. — Reuter.

BIDS AND DEALS

Leisure Industries Group, which produces and distributes snooker and pool tables, toys and dolls houses, is seeking permission for a quotation on the unlisted securities market. A placing of 784,362 ordinary shares of 25p each at 120p per share will be made through Samuel Montagu. This represents around 39 per cent of the issued capital.

Samuel Montagu said yesterday the reason behind the bid for a USM quote was that two big shareholders, Mettoy and Midland Bank Industrial Finance wanted to realize their holdings.

Bunzl, the international paper and packaging group is takinga 49 per cent minority interest in Filtrona Brasileira Industria E Commercio from the American Filtrona Corporation. The Brazilian company makes cigarette filters, plastic bottles and plastic tubes.

AFC is taking Bunzl's 49 per cent holding in Bunzl Pulp and Paper Canada, whose main interest is flexible packaging.

London and Liverpool Trust company has entered into conditional agreements to acquire three companies. The acquisitions involve a total initial consideration of £1,814,857 comprising £35,000 cash and issue of 4,517,297 ordinary shares amounting to £1,779,857. Of these shares 2,130,769 will be placed on behalf of the vendors. Further considerations will become payable depending on the future profit

The three companies are Guardian Computer Services, Domelion and T and T (Metal Products).

WALL STREET

New York, March 16 — Stocks pulled back in late trading to close mixed.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.66 at 798.33. It had moved up to a gain of 4½ before mid-afternoon.

Advances remained ahead of declines although the lead was cut to about 7-to-6 from the earlier 2-to-1 margin.

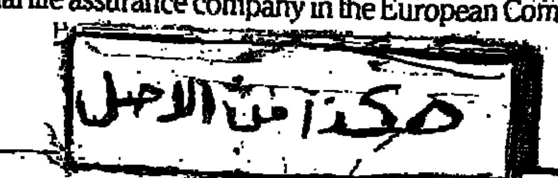
Volume was strong in early trading and the total came to 50.6 million shares for the day compared with 43.3 million yesterday.

Encouraging reports out of Washington failed to help much. A 1.6 per cent rise in industrial production for February compared with a 2.5 per cent drop in January but it left the index 6.6 per cent below a year ago.

Housing starts in February were up 6.5 per cent to 953,000 units.

Several major banks raised their prime lending rates to 16½ per cent from 16 per cent blaming higher costs of funds, while Marine Midland lifted its broker loan rate to 16 per cent from 15½ per cent.

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Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Nat Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	Proctor Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pub Ser El & Gas	19	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ford	[illegible]	19	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]	GAF Corp	[illegible]	9	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
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SPORT

CRICKET: HISTORIC WIN FOR NEW ZEALAND

Hadlee earns right to make winning hit

From Peter McFarline, Auckland, March 16

New Zealand registered only their second success in 14 matches against Australia, when they won the second test by five wickets at Eden Park ground this afternoon.

New Zealand were set only 104 runs to win the match after Australia had collapsed, losing six wickets for 39 runs in the morning.

The Australian total of 280 still left the New zealanders with a difficult target, on a pitch which was deteriorating rapidly. But the task was made easier by the hard hitting of Cairns who, put them on the road to victory when he came to the wicket with his side precariously placed at 44 for three. Cairns hit 34 runs from 21 balls, including two enormous hits over midwicket from the off-spinner, Yardley. He and the obdurate opener, Edgar, added 53 in 32 minutes.

When Cairns was bowled around his legs by Border, only seven runs were required. Edgar, after battling for 109 minuted for 29 runs, finally threw his bat and lost his wicket with the scores level but the hometown hero, Hadlee, put the finishing touch with a huge six over mid-on from Yardley.

Hadlee had earlier wrecked a finely poised game when Australia resumed at 241 for four, 64 runs ahead and a close finish was expected. In his first 33 balls of the morning, Hadlee took four wickets for five runs. The first — and most important — came off the days first ball when Greg Chappell, driving somewhat lazily, hit an easy catch to Edgar at cover. Hadlee then accounted for Marsh (3), Yardley (9) and Thompson (4) and the Australian cause was forlorn; althouh Border did his best to make light of the situation with an enterprising 38.

New Zealand lost Wright in the second over, and Morrison just after lunch, but Howarth and Cairns set them on the right path. The win came 26 years and three days after New Zealand's first international cricket, on the same ground in 1956 against the West Indies. It was also the first victory against Australia since 1974 when Hadlee also had a starring role.

Both captains were critical of the pitch and their reports on the umpires will not make pleasant reading. The third and final Test begins in *Christchurch* on Friday, New Zealand's 12 is unchanged although John Bracewell, a spinner is likely to play at the expense of fast bowler Martin Sneddon.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings, 210 (G B Troup 4 for 82)

Second Innings:

G M Wood, c Sneddon, b Cairns	100
B M Lloyd, lbw, b Hadlee	39
J Dyson, b Cairns	33
K J Hughes, b Cairns	17
*G S Chappell, c Edgar, b Hadlee	24
A R Border, c Howarth, b Morrison	38
†R W Marsh, c Crowe, b Hadlee	3
B Yardley, c Coney, b Hadlee	9
J R Thomson, lbw, b Hadlee	4
D K Lillee, c Smith, b Morrison	5
T M Alderman, not out	0
Extras (b4, lb5, nb8)	17
Total	280

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–106, 2–167, 3–196, 4–202, 5–241, 6–254, 7–254, 8–260, 9–277, 10–288.

BOWLING: Hadlee, 28–9–63–5; Troup, 15–4–31–0; Cairns, 44–10–85–3; Sneddon 8–2–22–0; Coney, 4–1–8–0; Morrison, 35–16–52–2; Howarth, 4–2–4–0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings, 387 (B. Edgar 161, J. V Coney 73, G. P. Howarth 56).

Second Innings:

B A Edgar, c Lillee, b Yardley	29
J G Wright, c Laird, b Alderman	4
J F M Morrison, c Marsh, b Lillee	8
*G P Howarth, c Chappell, b Yardley	19
R L Cairns, b Border	34
J V Coney, not out	5
R J Hadlee, not out	6
Extras (lb4)	4
Total (5 wkts)	109

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–17, 3–44, 4–97, 5–103.

†I D S Smith, M D Crowe, M C Sneddon, G B Troup did not bat.

BOWLING: Lillee, 13–5–32–1; Alderman, 7–0–30–1; Yardley, 7.4–2–40–2; Border, 2–1–3–1.



Hometown hero: Hadlee in action

CYCLING

Sprint keeps Kelly in the lead

From John Wilcockson, La Seyne-sur-Mar, France, March 16

Sean Kelly, of Ireland, has confirmed his right to the leadership of the Paris-Nice, cycling classic in the most emphatic manner by winning his second stage of the race, although he still leads by only one second from Gilbert-Lassalle, of France the 1980 winner.

His winning move came on the descent of the Col du Corps de Garde, the last of innumerable hills that had split the field on a broiling day in the limestone hinterland of the Mediterranian coast.

Kelly went clear with Rene Bittinger, one of his French Colleagues, and two Peugot men, Duclos-Lassalle and Phil Anderson, of Australia.

Kelly was the pacemaker but he still had the speed to outsprint his companions. Missing from the sprint was Anderson, who had a puncture in the final three *miles and finished with the* second group of 23 riders, 19 seconds behind Kelly.

Also missing from the front group was one of the race favorites, Joop Zoetemelk, aged 35, of the Netherlands, who finished with the second big bunch, seven minutes later. He had ridden the 98-mile stage from Miramas with five stitches in his scalp after crashing yesterday.

Kelly has scored a psychological victory over the Peugeot team, which dominated the day's racing until the final 10 miles.

The wide margins which separated the riders today, — 36 minutes between first and last, — shows what a demanding race this has become. Ironically, the main pretenders to victory are separated by less than a minute, a margin that could be won or lost on the Col d'Eze time trial on *Thursday*.

RESULTS: Stage 5 — (Miramas to La Soyne, 98 miles): 1, S Kelly (Ireland), 4 hrs 6 mins 11 secs; 2, G Duclos-Lassalle (France), 4.6:11; 3, R Bittinger (France), 4:6:13; 4, B Van Brabant (Belgium), 4:6:30; 5, K Thaler (WG); 6, J Vandenbroucke (Belgium); 7, M Pollentier (Belgium); 8, M Tinazzi (France); all 4:6:30. British placings: 23, G Jones, 4:6:30; 62, S Jones, 4:19:42; 65, J Herety, 4:19:42; 79, J Boyer (USA) 4:23:15; 83, P Sherwen (GB), 4:23:15.

OVERALL PLACINGS: 1, Kelly 25:6:17; 2, Duclos-Lassalle 25:6:18; 3, B Oosterbosch (Netherlands), 25:6:45; 4, Roche 25:6:58; 5, J Chassang (France), 25:6:59; 6, Vandenbroucke 25:7:01; 7, Anderson, 25:7:3; 8, S Beucherie (France), 25:7:4. British placings: 38, G Jones 25:23:31; 42, Sherwen 25:23:52; 43, Boyer 25:24:22; 61, Herety 25:38:50; 92, S Jones 25:47:59.

POINT-TO-POINT

Sir Bryn bowls along in front better than ever

By Ian Reid

Record entries, big fields and divided races were the order of the day last Saturday, with riding doubles for Jenny Pidgeon and John Sharp at the Oakley and John Llewellyn at the Brecon.

The Oakley Men's Open produced two useful Christie qualifiers in Sir Bryn and Lochus. Last year, Sir Bryn expended a lot of energy fighting his jockey, but now James Tarry was able to let him bowl along in front without too much restraint. Ian McKie's frantic efforts on Lochus never looked liked succeeding, nor was the Bicester adjacent winner, Cummerbund, a threat to the first two.

Never Flap was last season's unluckiest horse, with four close seconds to one win, but in the second Ladies' Open (split after declaration) his fortunes changed dramatically. First, Clinch It and Josie Sheppard, who had been going easily in the lead, departed in the back straight second time round; then Banbury Cake, the only other conceivable danger, came down at the second last, leaving Jenny Pidgeon to bring Never Flap home a distance ahead of Karafair.

The first division had been won by Old Kinvara, strongly ridden by Rosemary Harper to hold off Sporran Lad. The first two in each division qualify for Chepstow.

Mdn, Maiden; Adj, Adjacent Hunts; Op, Men's Open; L Op, Ladies' Open; R Op, Restricted Open; Hunt, Hunt/or Members; Fm, Farmers.

AVON VALE: Hunt: Now Hear This; O: Long Lane; LO: More Culture; RO I: Tula Lad; Adj: Leon Star; RO II: Good Memories; Mdn: Brent Mystery.

BOLVENTOR: Hunt: Fabian Song; LO: Frivolity. O: Bararden; Adj: Ross Fleece; Mdn I: Ragleth; Mdn II: Kelsboro Klun.

BRECON HUNT: Hunt: Ady Rama; Adj: Red Lad; O I: Dempsey; LO I: National Clover; LO II: Flap; LO II: Lady Pen; RO I: Pearl Pride; RO II: Lucky Avenue; RO III: Lucky Lace; Mdn I: Leganes; Mdn II: Choragus.

BROCKLESBY: Hunt: Cleo; Adj: Paddy's Peril; Adj II: Bobby s Lad; LO: Even Harmony; O: Sporting Luck; RO: All Divine, Mdn: Mile Mark.

CUMBERLAND FARMERS: Hunt: Silver Valley; LO I: Halton, LO II: Seine Boy; Adj: Ousky; O: Camdonagh; RO I: Much Knock. RO II: Owenview; Mdn I: Grapple; Mdn II: Saucy.

DERWENT: Adj: Carfield; Hunt: Castle Final; O: Chief Whip; LO: Shore Captain; RO I: Lady Buttons; RO II: Casa Knape, Mdn: Kikon

ESSEX UNION Hunt:Agility; Adja Creeves Cross; LO Clonmelon, O: Hunter's Guide; RO Pennine Paddy; Mdn Sherdon Water.

OAKLEY Hunt: Highgate LADY; Adj French Peacock; O Sir Bryn, LO 1: Old Kinvara; LO II:Never Flap; RO I Rugy, RO II. Clear Trade; RO III Chester Rambler; Mdn: Elmwood.

SILVERTON Hunt: Chasseuse Adj Feud; LO Lawbench; O Armagnac Princess; RO: Brown Bowler; Mdn: Cumlogh Padre.

SOUTH DOWN and ERIDGE Hunt: Hellpex; O Loyal Partner, LO Harry Hills; RO. Mark's Methane, Mdn I Red Zeppelin; Mdn II Zenarda. Adj: Easy Commission.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES: Cambridgeshire at Horseheath (2 0); Cottesmore at Garthorp (1 15); Dart Vale and Haldon and South Pool Harriers at Totnes (2 0) Garth and South Berks at Tweseldown (1 30); Gelligaer Farmers at Nelson (1 15); Golden Valley at Bredwardine (12.30) Haydon at Corbridge (2.0); Holderness at Dalton Park (2 0); New Forest at Larkhill (1 30); Pegasus Club (bar) at Kimble (1 30); Quantock Staghound at Williton (1 30); Sir W W Wynne's at Eaton Hall (1 30); Tickham at Detling (12 0); Warwickshire at Mollington (1.0)

EQUESTRIANISM

In hunt for third title

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Bruce Davidson, aged 32, a dual horse trials world champion from Pennsylvania, has arrived in England to prepare for the defence of his title at Luhmuhlen, West Germany, in early September. As the only three-day event rider to have won the world championship twice, he will establish a unique record if he wins a third title. In 1978, he was voted US Sportsman of the Year.

Aquascutum, of London, are sponsoring his international horses, the 11-year-old grey Might Tango, who won the title in Lexington, Kentucky in 1978, and the eight-year-old J. J. Babu, winner at Chesterland last September and United States open champion. On Monday, they gave a luncheon at the Turf Club, Carlton House Terrace, at which Davidson and his wife Carol were chief guests.

Davidson won an Olympic team silver medal in Munich in 1972, a team and individual gold medal at the 1974 world championships at Burghley, an Olympic team gold medal in Montreal in 1976 and the world title in Lexington in 1978. Early in 1979, he smashed a foot and was unable to walk for 12 months, but came storming back in 1981.

An ardent foxhunter, he starts all his young American thoroughbred horses in the hunting field, though they soon become too valuable to be put at risk. Next weekend he rides at Weston Park (Shropshire) then at Downlands (Liphook). Frensham (where he is in training at the premises of Mrs Olive Jackson, who owns the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Midnight Court) and at Brigstock, early in April, which will be his last outing before Badminton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

£40,000 spur for Britain

By Keith Macklin

After much negotiation, some of it fraught with disagreements and counter proposals, the tour subcommittee of the Rugby League will complete today the itinerary for the Australian touring team in Britain in October and November.

Difficulties have been found in negotiating with the Australian authorities regarding the placement of matches and the length of the tour. It has now been agreed that a seven-week tour will begin on October 6. Today's committee meeting will decide which teams and combined sides will meet the Kangaroos.

There will be three international matches, sponsored by Dominion Insurance, who are backing the Great Britain side with £40,000. The money will not be shared with Australia, but will be an incentive for Great Britain to win the series.

The venues for the semi-finals of the challenge cup were announced yesterday, and were as expected. The Castleford v Hull game on Saturday week, March 27, will be at Headingley with Billy Thompson (Huddersfield) referee.

The outcome of tonight's quarter final replay between Widnes and Bradford Northern will decide the other venue. This semi-final will be played on April 3, with Leeds as opponents. If Widnes play Leeds the game will be at Swinton; if Bradford Northern win tonight the semi-final will be at Fartown, Huddersfield. The choice of referee depending on the location.

ATHLETICS

New Zealand to ignore threats

Brisbane, Australia, March 16 — New Zealand will ignore threats of an African boycott and take part in September's Commonwealth Games, "with heads held up", Mr Hugh Templeton, New Zealand's Trade and Industry Minister, said here today.

New Zealand recognized other countries' rights not to compete at the games, "but we expect people to respect our rights".

Black African nations have threatened to stay away from Brisbane if New Zealand competes in the games. The boycott will be a protest against New Zealand for allowing a South African rugby team to play there.

"I am confident that the more seasoned and more knowledgeable African leaders will understand New Zealand's position," Mr Templeton said. — AP.

HOCKEY

England's tour in doubt

By Sydney Friskin

It is almost certain that England's tour of the Soviet Union in September will not take place. They were invited to play in a tournament in Moscow against the Soviet Union, Malaysia and India, but the management think the invitation should be declined as the event does not fit in with current plans.

This item, among others, will be considered on Friday at the meeting of the Hockey Association Council, who will also decide whether the invitation to the Soviet Union to take part in the international tournament at Queen's Park Rangers' ground in October should be withdrawn.

Among the questions to be answered by the council is the date from which England's participation in the preparation of the Great Britain team for the 1984 Olympic Games should be operative. The HA management committee have recommended that England's participation should begin only after the European Cup in August, 1983, and that the question of the Great Britain team management be left until then. If the recommendation of the management is accepted by the council, it will mean that England, not Great Britain, will play in the 10-nation tournament in Melbourne, starting on December 10.

It was announced in London yesterday that Leonard Jones is retiring from the management committee on Friday after two years as chairman and 10 years before that on the executive committee.

The final stages of the national club championship, sponsored by Rank Xerox, will be played at Southgate on March 27 and 28.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

This table is published on Wednesday and Saturday

Authorized Unit Trusts

1981/82 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Offshore and International Funds

1981/82 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Insurance Bonds and Funds

1981/82 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Racing: Second day of National Hunt Festival

Drumgora will be in his element

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

With £30,000 added to the sweepstakes, the Queen Mother Champion Steeplechase is the most valuable race at Cheltenham today on this, the second day of the annual National Hunt Festival.

The field includes three who have won the race before: last year's winner, Drumgora, Chinrullah who won it in 1980 by 25 lengths, only to lose it later when a routine dope test revealed a prohibited substance and Hilly Way who was successful in 1978 and again the following year.

When he won the trophy last year Drumgora temporarily silenced the normally boisterous Irish contingent by beating their heroine that that tough mare Anagogs Daughter, on whom they counted to a man.

Those who thought that Drumgora's victory a fluke at the time had to eat their words at Navan in November when he beat Anagogs Daughter again. Since then Drumgora has been trained with today's race in mind, which explains why he looked in need of a race at Newbury a month ago when he was beaten a total of 15 lengths by News King.

If Drumgora is successful again this time, I trust the stewards will not be slow to ask his connections to account for a considerable turnover in form with News King. Likewise, they would be well advised to be on the alert if Bally-Go wins the Coral Golden Hurdle Final, as well he may. Bally-Go made no show in his last race at Wetherby having won his last two previous races in style of a decent young stayer; yet he has been the subject of a gamble for today's race.

As far as Drumgora is concerned, Rathgorman and News King are the obvious dangers. Rathgorman is hard to beat around such courses as Wetherby, Stratford, Worcester and Market Rasen. But it is pertinent to point out that he did finish a long way behind Drumgora in this race last year. Fred Winter has already worked miracles with News King, who is unbeaten this season, but even he concedes that the heavy ground will be all against his charge, whereas Drumgora will be in his element.

But the present heavy conditions will not worry Angelo Salvini, my selection for the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle. When he won the Phillip Cornes Saddle of Gold Final at Newbury, 12 days ago, he coped admirably with the rain-drenched turf, turning the race into a procession to score by 25 lengths from his nearest pursuer Baron Palles, an astonishing performance. While conceding that Baron Palles may have needed that race, like so many of David Gandolfo's horses, he had been under a cloud since he last ran, that is still a colossal leeway to have to make up.

Angelo Salvini has already won over three miles and a furlong at Cheltenham this season, indicating that stamina is his strong suit. I expect to see John O'Neill try to lead from start to finish and succeed, as Steve Knight did on the same horse at Newbury.

Fancied horses do not have a good record in the Sun Alliance Steeplechase, 12-1 being the shortest priced winner of the race in recent years. However, the rot may be stopped by Richdee, whose jumping impressed me when he won twice at Ascot last month. On the first occasion he gave Drumlargan 4lb and a three-lengths beating and on the second, Applalto 3lb and a four-lengths beating.

By taking a line through Royal Pine, it is possible to argue that Richdee is an 8lb better horse than another of today's runners, Bright Dream, who made Brown Chamberlin pull out all stops at Chepstow last month.

Drumlargan won the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle two years ago, but his jumping does not inspire confidence to get around a course as demanding as Cheltenham let alone beat one so sure-footed as Richdee.

For anyone intrepid enough to dabble on the outcome of the National Hunt Steeplechase, which is confined to amateurs and run over four miles, the eventual winner may be found in a short list comprising Clonthturtin, Bonum Omen, General Dew, Roman General, Door Step and Feature. With Oliver Sherwood aboard, Feature is fancied to go one better than last year when he was runner-up to Lucky Vane. However, I prefer Bonum Omen, whose recent form in handicaps points to him coming good at the right time. It is certainly in his favour that he will be ridden by last season's leading amateur, Paul Webber.



Richdee: impressive when winning twice at Ascot

Hughes leads Gaelic jamboree

By John Karter, Racing Editor

We did not have to wait long for the famous Irish roar to start lifting the roof off the Cheltenham stands. As the runners quickened down the hill in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle, the opening round of an English festival tha over the years has become a Gaelic jamboree, the frenzied yells began to ring out for the heavily backed Bold Agent as he closed relentlessly on the pace-setting Ryeman.

No sooner had backers of Mick O'Toole's horse begun to reckon up their punts, however, than the deafening roar became a wall of silence. Bold Agent suddenly started to tread muddy water and Miller Hill and Tommy Morgan, an Irish pair uncosidered by English and Irish alike, left them for dead up the final hill.

Miller Hill's 20-1 swoop gave Both Morgan and Dessie Hughes, the trainer, their first successes at the Festival - Morgan at his first attempt, Hughes at his second. The 18-year-old rider started his wining life inthe saddle at the age of nine and booted home 100 pony race winners before joining Michael Kauntze's stable and then moving on to Hughes's when he grew too heavy for the Flat.

Hughes, of course, was a man who lined Irish pockets regularly at the Festival when he was riding. He won the Gold Cup on Davy Lad in 1977 and the Champion Hurdle on Monksfield, two years later. He had intended to withdraw the "hearse" as he pronounced it in his lilting brogue, because of the heavy ground, but now he intends to bring him over again for Aintree.

Desmond Brown, the 56-year-old amateur rider-owner of another leading Irish fancy, Istimewa, travelled all the way from Singapore to partner the horse only to fail his medical. He was replaced by Tommy Ryan, Eddie O'Grady's stable professional.

As it was, the horse finished out of the money anyway, and clearly he will never be the replacement that O'Grady hoped he would be for the brilliant Golden Cygnet, who was killed with the hurdling world at his feet a few years ago.

There was also a Gaelic flavour about the Kim Muir Challenge Cup because the winner, Political Pop, was ridden by Dermot Browne, the Irish amateur rider attached to Michael Dickinson's stable. Browne rode a powerful finish to force Political Pop back past Sointulla Boy in the dying strides, having looked certain to be beaten approaching the final fence.

The last race of a bewildering day, the Grand Annual Steeplechase, gave punters yet another sharp blow to the solar plexus when the favourite, Friendly Alliance, never looked like getting into the argument behind the 9-1 winner, Reldis.

Reldis was originally bought as a hurdler, but never succeeded in the sphere. However, he has now won ten steeplechases for his owners Haunch Lane Stores Limited, who are not village grocers as their name might suggest, but would you believe, property developers in Birmingham.

Dessie Hughes: first Festival training success with Miller Hill.

For Auction turns form upside down

By Michael Seely

The form book was torn into shreds at Cheltenham yesterday when Colin Magnier brought For Auction storming up the hill to beat Broadsword by seven lengths in the Champion Hurdle. Ekbalco finished a length and a half away in third place.

Backers of Daring Run hardly got a run for their money as the 9-4 favourite slipped up on the flat approaching the third hurdle from home. However, supporters of Derring Rose knew their fate even earlier as Fred Winter's unpredictable character pulled up as they started out into the country for the final circuit. At a stewards' inquiry Winter said that Derring Rose would not run again.

Donegal Prince and Migrator had made most of the early running but an enormous cheer went up from Ekbalco's supporters as the heavily backed Northern challenger moved up to the leaders before they turned down the hill to race for home. At the second last hurdle, Ekbalco was only cantering as he snatched a brief advantage. However, jumping the final flight, For Auction put his stamp on the race and from that point onwards there was only one winner. David Goulding explained his reasons for adopting different tactics on Ekbalco afterwards.

"They were not going a great gallop, and Ekbalco was jumping so well that he pulled his way into the front rank." David Nicholson and Peter Scudamore took Broadsword's defeat philosophically and in a sporting manner. "There are no excuses. We were beaten by a better horse," the jockey said.

After showing a sparkling turn of foot to win the Irish Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown, For Auction had disappointed when finishing fourth behind Donegal Prince and Ekbalco in the Schweppes Gold Trophy. Yet there he was yesterday reversing that form by over 13 lengths with Ekbalco, whom he was meeting on 9lb worse terms.

This victory, however, came as no surprise to his astute trainer, Michael Cunningham. "I had £200 each way on my horse and the owner's brother, Mike Heaslip had £1,000 each way at 40-1. There were two things against For Auction at Newbury. First, he got stuck in the holding ground. But here, it was sloppy, and he went through it all right. Also, we got badly snowed up after Christmas, so For Auction was desperately short of work."

Cunningham is a fine and versatile trainer. Two years ago, he won he Irish 1,000 guineas, the Coronation Stakes, and the Champion Stakes with Cairn Rouge. And in 1976, Irish Fashion landed a last-minute gamble in the Schweppes Gold Trophy. Magnier is the first amateur to win the Champion Hurdle since Alan Lillingston's triumph on Winning Fair in 1963.

Cheltenham's £2m facelift met with almost universal approval. There is now plenty of space for racegoers to watch the horses in the paddock, and in the unsaddling enclosure afterwards if it were not for selfish individuals who stand packed shoulder to shoulder on the top of the steps and who refuse to let people pass further down.



Michael Cunningham: celebrating with 40-1 chance For Auction.

It was also chaotic after the Champion Hurdle as masses of elated Irish fans followed For Auction into the parade ring. "Don't you want atmosphere then?" an official asked. Atmosphere, certainly, but not chaos. In future, it might be wise to segregate the winner from the placed horses in order to allow watchers a better look.

The Irish contingent had plenty to shout about after they had had the first three winners. After the shock victory of Miller Hill in the opener, Tommy Carberry was seen at his strongest and most effective when bringing The Brockshee home, two lengths clear of Classified in the Arkle Challenge Trophy for Royal Bond's trainer, Arthur Moore.

The Brockshee's ultimate target is next season's Lambert and Butler final. Yesterday's winner is named after a mythical monster who is supposed to haunt a small lough near Corofin in county Clare. After a blank day's fishing, the horse's owner, Tim Murray, was told by a friend that The Brockshee must have caused his ill luck. "Well, then, that's what I'll call my next horse", Mr Murray said.

Sanity for punters was at last restored when Fulke Walwyn saddled Crimson Embers to justify 2-1 favouritism in the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle.

National hope back in betting

Again The Same may run in the Grand National after all. The nine-year-old was taken out of the betting after being pulled up in the Greenall Whitley Steeplechase at Haydock.

His trainer, John Edwards, feared the gelding would be sidelined for the season, but he said at Cheltenham yesterday, "The news is much better. It was found that Again The Same had broken a blood vessel in his foot, and has not gone badly lame. I hope he can still run at Aintree. Peter Scudamore, who had agreed to ride him in the National, worked the horse this morning."

The news prompted Ladbrokes to reinstate the gelding in their National betting at 16-1.

Queen Mother Champion Chase day at Cheltenham

Tote: Double 3.30 and 4.40. Treble 2.50, 4.05, 5.15

[Television (BBC) 2.15, 2.50, 3.30 and 4.05 races]

2.15 SUN ALLIANCE HURDLE (Novices: £15,977 2½m) (22 runners)

101 11011 ANGELO SALVINI (H Joel) M H Easterby 6-11-8 ... J O'Neill
102 1231 ARABIAN MUSIC (D) (Lady Rootes) J Gifford 7-11-8 ... R Rowe
104 0-11222 BARON PALLES (D) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) D Gandolfo 7-11-8 ... P Barton
105 042321 BILLY BENN (C O'Donovan) C O'Donovan (Ire) 6-11-8 ... G Newman
108 20-1132 GALLAHER (C Bird III) F Walwyn 6-11-8 ... W Smith
111 0203 MISTER DONOVAN (J McManus) E O'Grady (Ire) 6-11-8 ... T J Ryan
112 00414 PALMYRA-COURT (C Bowden) J Baker 6-11-8 ... J Williams
113 0p3012 PELARO (D) (I.C.S. 'Southern' Ltd) A Jarvis 6-11-8 ... T Carmody
114 0103 POUYELO (Mrs P Prendergast) P Prendergast (Ire) 6-11-8 ... A Gorman
115 04-1314 RIZZIO (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 7-11-8 ... P Scudamore
116 4100 SONNY MAY (G Hubbard) J Gifford 6-11-8 ... H Davies
117 011113 SPIDER'S WELL (D) (D O'Byrne) J Gifford 6-11-8 ... R Champion
118 021030 TOPEKA (P Luff) M Oliver 6-11-8 ... P Hobbs
120 013213 WESTERN SUNSET (O Freaney) P Mullins (Ire) 6-11-8 ... —
121 0102 YOU'RE WELCOME (T Hyde) M Morris (Ire) 6-11-8 ... R Townend
123 000-0fp CHALFORD HILL (D Hill) Mrs R Lomax 5-11-7 ... Mr G Rowe
124 44200 COPPER WATCH (J Eden) J Berry 5-11-7 ... R Lamb
125 00211 DIRECT CALL (D) (Mrs A Hartnett) M O Toole (Ire) 5-11-7 ... N Madden
127 1 LE FORBIN (A Thompson) M Oliver 5-11-7 ... —
128 100 LONDOLOZI (W Johnson) J Maxwell (Ire) 5-11-7 ... J P Byrne
130 234 NOBLISSIMO (N Scutor) A Geraghty (Ire) 5-11-7 ... —
132 412321 WARNER FOR SPORT (D) (Terry Warner Sports) M Tate 5-11-7 J Francome

9-4 Angelo Salvini, 6 Direct Call, 7 You're Welcome, 3 Western Sunset, Billy Benn, 10 Arabian Music, Baron Palles, 12 Gallaher, Mister Donovan, 20 others.

FORM: Angelo Salvini (11st 5lb, Easily won 25l,7l from Baron Palles (lvl) and Spiders Well (lvl). 10 ran. Newbury, Mar 6, 3m 120y, soft. Arabian Music (11-10), ran on, won 5l, 10l from Al Kuwait (r 3lb) and Culham (rec 3 lb). 10 ran. Chepstow, Feb 20,2½m, Heavy. Billy Benn (12-0) Fav, won ¾l, 20l from Najohnne (lvl) and Some Saint (rec 15lb). 12 ran. Limerick, Mar 4, 2m, heavy. Gallaher (11-8) fav. 2nd, btn 8l, to My Boy Jack (rec 3lb). 8 ran. Warwick, Feb 25, 2m 5f, heavy and previously (11-11) 3rd, btn hd, 4l to Right Regent (Rec 18lb) and Baron Palles (gave 5lb) with Angelo Salvini, Fav, (gave 5lb) A further 12l away in 6th. 10 ran. Newbury, Jan 2, 2½m 120y, Heavy. Mister Donovan (11-4), staying on, 3rd, btn 1½l to Fredcoter I (lvl and Islomawa (gave 7lb) 15 ran. naas, Feb 27, 2m, soft. Western sunset, see Direct Call and previously (11-6) Fav, won 6l, 1½l from You're Welcome (lvl) and Drumrullagh (rec 11lb). 7 ran. Gowran Park, Feb 11, 2m 1f, heavy. Direct Call (9-13) won 2½l, 5l from last suspect (gave 24lb) and Western Sunset gave 21lb). 19 ran. Leopardstown, Mar 3, 2½m, heavy.

SELECTION: Angelo Salvini

2.50 SUN ALLIANCE CHASE (£21,119: 3m) (15)

201 42021f ACARINE (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-11-4 ... H Davies
202 0f-3311 APPLALTO (D) (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 8-11-4 ... A Webber
204 112440 BISHOPS BOW (Mrs A Morley) R Turnell 6-11-4 ... Steve Knight
205 321322 BRIGHT DREAM (H Joel) R Turnell 6-11-4 ... A Turnell
206 1-p1111 BROWN CHAMBERLIN (C) (Mrs B Samuel) F Winter 7-11-4 ... J Francome
207 00021u BURROUGH HILL LAD (R Riley) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-4 ... C Browne
208 130114 CONNA VALLEY (Quayle Carpets) D Nicholson 7-11-4 ... P Scudamore
211 fCC4u1 DRUMCONDRA (D) (J Tainton) D Nicholson 7-11-4 ... S Smith Eccles
212 f12202 DRUMLARGAN (M Cuddy) E O'Grady (Ire) 8-11-4 ... T J Ryan
213 00f001 FAULOON (B) (C Bird III) F Walwyn 7-11-4 ... W Smith
214 231u01 FENIAN GOLD (J Byrne) M O'Toole (Ire) 7-11-4 ... N Madden
216 p11f13 KUDOS (J Blundell) J Blundell 7-11-4 ... D Dutton
218 10-2111 REALT NA NONA (C) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 7-11-4 ... J O'Neill
219 121111 RICHDEE (D) (Miss D Dalzell) N Crump 8-11-4 ... R Lamb
222 040112 WAS I RIGHT (D) (St J O'Connell) J FitzGerald 7-11-4 ... Mr T Walsh

5-2 Richdee, 7-2 Realt Na Nona, 4 Drumlargan, 8 Brown Chamberlin, 12 Applalto, 14 Conna Valley, Was I Right, 16 Fenian Gold, Bright Dream, 20 others.

FORM: Applalto. See Richdee and previously (11st 5lb) fav, made all, won 2½l, 12l, from Drops O'Brandy (lvl) and Storm Prince (rec 5lb). 7 ran. Lingfield, Feb 4, 3m, heavy. Bright Dream (11-2), stayed on, 2nd, btn 4l, to Wayward Lad (gave 10lb). 4 ran. Haydock, Mar 6, 2½m, good to soft. Brown Chamberlin (11-10) fav, ran on, won 2l, 30l from Bright Dream (lvl) and Another Duke (rec 3lb) 8 ran Chepstow, Feb 20, 2½m, soft Conna Valley (10-7) fav, jumped badly, 4th, btn ¾l, nk, 1½ to Royal Mail (gave 17lb). Whiggle Geo (rec 4lb) and Father Delaney (gave 17lb). 11 ran Doncaster, Mar 1, 3¼m good. Realt Na Nona (12-0) fav, beaten when fell last in race won by Final Argument (rec 8lb). 5 ran. Haydock, Jan 23, 2½m, good to soft, and previously (11-4) jt fav, won 30l, 15l, from Random Leg (gave 4lb) and No Hurry (lvl) 11 ran Cheltenham, Dec 31, 3m 1f, heavy, Richdee (11-13) fav, won easily, 4l 6l, from Applalto (rec 3lb) and Royal Pine (rec 10lb) with Drumcondra U.R. 10 ran. Ascot, Feb 24, 3m, good, and previously (11-10), ran on well, won 3l, 20l, 12l, from Drumlargan (rec 4lb), Star Member (rec 4lb) and Drumcondra (rec 4lb). 12 ran Ascot, Feb 10, 3m, good

SELECTION: Richdee.

3.30 QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE *(£19,183: 2m) (11)*

301 0p-0000 CHINRULLAH (Mrs R Eastwood) M O'Toole 10-12-0 ... N Madden
302 114-033 CLAYSIDE (CD) (Mrs D Grant) M H Easterby 8-12-0 ... J O'Neill
303 0101103 COMBS DITCH (CB) (R Tory) D Elsworth 6-12-0 ... C Brown
304 142-414 DRUMGORA (CD) (D Monahan) A Moore 10-12-0 ... F Berry
305 0-11132 GOLDEN VOW (D) (R Dowsett) R Hartop 8-12-0 ... —
306 004000 HILLY WAY (CD) (S Swann) P O'Connor 12-12-0 ... Mr P O'Connor
308 0-11111 NEWS KING (D) (T Foreman) F Winter 8-12-0 ... J Francome
309 311111 RATHGORMAN (D) (J Lilley) M Dickinson 10-12-0 ... K Whyte
310 010110 RUN WITH PRIDE (D) (P Hamilford) M O'Toole 7-12-0 ... —
311 311131 SPINNING SAINT (CD) (B Babbage) Mrs M Babbage 8-12-0 ... Mr N Babbage
312 344113 THE MIGHTY MAC (D) (Mrs M Skelly) T Costello 7-12-0 ... N Madden

2 News King, 11-4 Rathgorman, 7-2 Drumgora, 6 The Mighty Mac, 8 Clayside, 12 Run With Pride, 20 others.

FORM — Chinrullah (11st 5lb) bad 12th behind Royal Bond (g 9lb) 15 ran, Leopardstown, Feb 13, 3m, Yielding. Clayside (11-2), btn 3 out, 3rd, btn 4l, 15l to Wayward Lad (g 10lb) and Bright Dream (lvl) 4 ran Haydock, Mar 6, 2½m, good to soft. Combs Ditch (12-1), jumped badly, distant 8th to classified (rec 10lb). 16 ran, Newbury, Feb 12, 2m 160yds, good to soft. Drumgora won this race in 1981, see News King, previously (11-12), won 1½l, 6l from Anagog's Daughter (g 2lb) and Tacroy (rec 17lb), 8 ran Navan, Nov 21, 2m, good. Hilly Way (11-10) distant 6th to Rubber Legs (rec 24lb). 9 ran. Warwick, Feb 25, 2½m, heavy. News King (11-7), all out, won 1½l, 6l, 8l from Beacon Light (r 16lb), Artifice (r 13lb) and Drumgora (lvl). 5 ran Newbury, Feb 13, 2m 160yds, heavy. Rathgorman (12-7), impressive, won 4l, 8l from Beacon Light (rec 27lb) and Repique (rec 35lb). 5 ran. Stratford, Feb 27, 2m, good to soft. The Mighty Mac (11-5) fav, ran on 2nd, btn hd, to Sea Fog (rec 22lb). 14 ran. Clonmel, Feb 4, 2½m hdle, soft: previously (11-10), ran on, 4th, btn 11½l to Wayward Lad (lvl) 8 ran Ascot, Nov 21, 2½m, good

SELECTION: Drumgora.

4.05 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE FINAL (Handicap: £10,845: 3m 1f) (32)

403 014403 GRAND HUSSAR (B) (D Hebditch) L Kennard 8-11-9 ... R Linley
404 020234 SLEEPLESS KNAVE (M Bradstock) F Walwyn 7-11-8 ... Mr M Bradstock 7
405 000440 FARMER (R Hawker) R Hawker 7-11-7 ... E Waite 4
407 202300 GREAT DEVELOPER (D Sanger) D Nicholson 5-11-6 ... P Scudamore
408 133-110 GALWAY BLAZE (Mrs R Formby) J FitzGerald 6-11-6 ... P Charlton
409 133F00 TRU MAR (Cold Shield Windows Slough Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-4 ... Mr A Sharpe 7
410 C0-0101 TWO COPPERS (C) (Mrs S Hunt) L Kennard 7-11-4 ... J Francome
411 14-0110 BALLY-GO (C Bell) M W Easterby 5-11-4 ... P Tuck
412 00-0010 MOUNTAIN HAYS (J Hepburn) M H Easterby 7-11-3 ... A Brown
414 013000 RING TIN TIN (C) (A Ford) L Kennard 8-10-13 ... S Smith Eccles
416 1/224F3 PENWOOD (J Archer) N Hall 7-10-12 ... P Carvill
417 /212-PO SKEWSBY (B) (A Phillips) M W Easterby 6-10-12 ... D Goulding
418 020000 DONNISON (CD) (R Collins) M Tate 11-10-8 ... P Barton
419 0P4104 TANGLE BRIAR (R Wright) P Cundell 7-10-7 ... Mr A J Wilson
420 030104 TALL ORDER (L Foster) L Foster 8-10-6 ... A Stringer 4
421 022100 PRECIPIENNE (F Emami) M Lambert 7-10-5 ... Doubtful
423 02100F CAP TOO (B) (R Beeson) J Blundell 6-10-4 ... D Dutton 4
424 010021 PAMKINS HART (M Tate) M Tate 6-10-3 (4 ex) ... C Smith
426 10-0004 CELTIC TARA (M McCann) C Booth 6-10-2 ... C Tinkler
427 402003 TAN TROED (Mrs K Wallace) Mrs K Wallace 9-10-2 ... Jessica Wallace 7
428 030P00 MAN ON THE RUN (B) (M Channon) J Baker 7-10-1 ... J Williams
431 010140 PRICE REVIEW (D) (Mrs J Wakely) K Bailey 8-10-0 ... A Webb
432 F-43430 MISS COUTURE (Couture Marketing Ltd) J W Watts 5-10-0 ... J O'Neill
433 123000 RIBO CHARTER (B) (N Robertson) M Chapman 5-10-0 ... G Charles-Jones
434 420234 CULHAM (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 7-10-0 ... Mrs L Sheedy
435 00F400 ROBIN HOOD (Withers & Son Ltd) A Andrews 7-10-0 ... M Williams
436 003102 BRISTOL BLUE (D) (J Urch) M Pipe 5-10-0 ... R Dennis 7
437 000U00 FOGBOUND (Mrs S Austin) P Curtis 11-10-0 ... D Wilkinson
438 302100 CHIRP (M Stacey) M Tate 8-10-0 ... Mr T Easterby
439 3-01003 MARCUS AGRIPPA (B) (E Allsopp) J Spearing 6-10-0 ... A Webb
440 4-40003 SPACED OUT (D) (T Bailey) T Bailey 7-10-0 ... P Warner
442 4-00323 BELLINO (Mrs A Philip) W Musson 5-10-0 ... A Coogan

7 Bally-Go, 8 Two Coppers, 10 Sleepless Knave, 12 Pamkins Heart, Skewsby, Great Developer, 14 Grand Hussar, Miss Couture, 16-1 Mountain Hays, Penwood, Tall Order, 20 Tangle Briar, Galway Blaze, Bristol Blue, 25 others

FORM: Grand Hussar (11st), 3rd, btn 5l, 8l to Hill of Slane (gave 3lb) and Mount Harvard (lvl) with Price Review (lvl) and Ring Tin Tin (lvl) tailed off. 10 ran. Kempton, Feb 27, 3m, soft. Sleepless Knave (10-9), ran on, 4th, btn 2½l, ¾l, 5l to Padski (rec 9lb) a further 19l away in 6th, Chirp (rec 9lb) 8th, and Great Developer (gave 9lb), Galway Blaze (gave 6lb), Tru Mar (gave 6lb) and Penwood (rec 7lb) all in rear. 21 ran. Stratford, Feb 6, 2½m, soft. Two Coppers (11-8) led 2 out, ran on, won nk, 10l from Bristol Blue (rec 15lb) and Spaced Out (rec 21lb) 22 ran Chepstow, Feb 20, 3m, soft. Bally Go. See Tall Order and Previously (11-3) won 2l, 3l from Going for Gold (gave 5lb) and Fearless Seal (rec 13lb). 24 ran. Huntingdon, Feb 11, 3m, good to soft. Mountain Hays. See Celtic Tara and Previously (10-10) won 10l, 2½l from Pounentes (rec 17lb) and Miss Couture (rec 14lb) with Bristol Blue (rec 10lb) well behind. 18 ran. Ayr, Jan 30, 2¾m, good to soft. Tall Order (10-8), fav, 4th, btn 1l, nk, 3l to Coral John (rec 11lb). Tom Noel (rec 4lb) and Inkling (rec 15lb) with Bally Go (gave 21lb) 7th, Skewsby (gave 10lb) 8th, 22 ran. Wetherby, Mar 3, 3m, good to soft. Pamkins Hart, see Celtic Tara, since (10-10) finished nk 2nd, awarded race, from Sam Wreklin (rec 10lb) with Miss Couture, fav, (rec 4lb) 4½l away 6th. 18 ran. Doncaster, Feb 27, 3m 122y, good. Celtic Tara (10-8), Never Nearer, 4th, btn 7l, 2l, ½l to Righthand Man (rec 6lb), Pamkins Hart (rec 5lb) and High Steward (rec 15lb) with Great Developer (gave 18lb) 3l away 6th, and Mountain Hays (gave 14lb) 9th, 14 ran. Nottingham, Feb 20, 2¾m, soft.

SELECTION: Pamkins Hart

4.40 NATIONAL HUNT CHASE (£6,551: 4m) (26)

501 322011 CLONTHTURTIN (F Conroy) A Moore (Ire) 8-12-7 ... T J Taafe
502 f21111 FURRY ROCK (R McAlpine) J Edwards 8-12-7 ... J Bryan
503 u-0212f HAZY DAWN (D) (R Daniels) P Mullins (Ire) 7-12-7 ... W Mullins
504 101102 POYNTZ PASS (J Gleeson) M O'Toole (Ire) 7-12-7 ... T M Walsh
505 2100u1 TWO TO TANGO (K Flynn) M Cunningham (Ire) 9-12-7 ... —
506 40p-221 BOSBY'S FOX (P Mann) P Mann 9-12-4 ... M Mann
507 3p-0f12 BONUM OMEN (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 8-12-4 ... P Webber
508 000124 DOOR STEP (J Horgan) M Morris (Ire) 6-12-4 ... J Queally
509 ppu-133 GENERAL DEW (Exors of late M Thorne) Mrs M Thorne 9-12-4 ... G Sloan
510 ppu1p ROMAN GENERAL (B Munro-Wilson) B Munro-Wilson 9-12-4 ... B Munro-Wilson
511 f4-210 ROYAL DUST (Mrs E Cockburn) Mrs E Cockburn 8-12-4 ... R Mann
512 f04224 YER MAN (B) (N Keane) A McNenara (Ire) 7-12-4 ... A Powell
513 u-f4 BUCKMASTER (W Prichard) J Edwards 7-12-0 ... A James
514 4230u0 CABOODLE (J Mulhern) J Mulhern (Ire) 9-12-0 ... —
515 32-0404 COUNT UP (Mrs C Williams) R Turnell 8-12-0 ... A Walter
516 f0-003p CRESPINIAN (C Bird III) Mrs J Moore (Ire) 8-12-0 ... J Fowler
517 200p3-4 FEATURE (T Curtis) N Henderson 8-12-0 ... O Sherwood
518 33fu-p2 HANDY MARK (R Eckley) R Eckley 8-12-0 ... N Twiston-Davies
519 0-42p00 JACKO BOY (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 7-12-0 ... Mrs R Vickery
520 403-202 MORNING HEATHER (M Tory) P Tory 9-12-0 ... M Felton
521 004-420 OAKLAWN (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neill 7-12-0 ... N Babbage
522 000320 PARTANGO (Mrs M Harman) D Elsworth 7-12-0 ... A J Wilson
523 0 PORTABOUGY (M Delahooke) M Delahooke 7-12-0 ... P Greenall
525 p0ff2p TAMBEAU (H Johnson) P Pritchard 8-12-0 ... J Pritchard
526 00fp VULMENT (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 8-12-0 ... A Jones
527 p02003p YELLOW COLL (Miss J Horwood) J Bosley 9-12-0 ... M Bosley

9-2 Clonthturtin, 6 Furry Rock, Two To Tango, 7 Hazy Dream, 8 Bonum Omen, Partango, 10 Poyntz Pass, Door Step, 12 General Dew, Bobby's Fox, 20 others.

Conthturtin (11st 5lb), left clear at last with fall of Hazy Dawn (gave 7lb), won 10l, 5l from Price Elong (gave 9lb) and Scottish Bar (gave 5lb). 12 ran. Fairyhouse, Feb 20, 3m, good. Furry Rock (11-3) in touch when fell 3 out in race won by Brown Chamberlin (gave 7lb). 8 ran Chepstow, Feb 20, 2½m soft. Hazy Dawn, see Clonthturtin: previously (11-7) won 6l, 10l from cristal gold (lvl) and the Miller (lvl). 23 ran. Navan, Dec 21, 3m, soft Door Step (10-4), finished strongly, 4th, btn 2l, 1½l to Smoke Charger (gave 4lb), Anaglogs Daughter (Gave 19lb) and Belle of The West (lvl). 7 ran. Thurles, Feb 18,2½m, yielding.

SELECTION: DOOR STEP

5.15 MILDMAY OF FLETE CHASE (Handicap: £8,043: 2½m) (13)

602 313314 HENRY KISSINGER (CD) (J Mansworth) D Gandolfo 8-11-8 ... P Barton
603 p0ff33 KING WEASEL (CDB) (Mrs D Grant) M H Easterby 10-11-2 ... J O'Neill
604 01fu0f TSURU (CD) (Sheikh Khamsin) L Kennard 11-10-12 ... R Linley
606 00/0100 MAN ALIVE (CD) (Jim Ennis Construction) G Richards 11-10-10 ... A Brown
607 u12204 SNOWSHILL SAILOR (CD) (Snowshill Farms and Stud) R Turnell 10-10-7 ... A Turnell
608 3u1233 RAMRAJYA (DB) (R Hawkins) M Hourigan (Ire) 9-10-6 ... G Newman
609 1-24040 SHADY DEAL (D) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 9-10-6 ... R Rowe
611 f-o41u0 ROMANY COUNT (Mrs R Jones) A Moore (Ire) 10-10-5 ... —
613 0u1f41 SKEGBY (D) (Bowie Jean Clothing) O Brennan 8-10-4 ... M Brennan 7
614 20p110 SPARTAN MAJOR (DB) (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 8-10-3 ... C Brown
616 220301 TEMPLEMILLS (D) (J Marshall) R Walsh 7-10-1 ... —
617 p310012 DOUBLEUAGAIN (D) (P McBonnell) A Geraghty (Ire) 8-10-0 ... F Berry
618 11/f-f1 RODMAN (Mrs J Ceballos) F Winter 8-10-0 (3 ex) ... J Francome

3 Henry Kissinger, 4 Templemills, 9-2 Doubleuagain, 6 King Weasel, 7 Ramrajya, 8 Spartan Major, Rodman, 12 Snowshill Sailor, 16 others.

FORM: Henry Kissinger (10st 10lb) one paced 4th, btn 5l, 2l, ½l to Bregawn (rec 3lb), Saint Fillans (rec 3lb) and Night Nurse (gave 17lb), 9 ran Kempton, Feb 6, 3m, good to soft. Snowshill Sailor (10-9) 4th, btn 2l, 15l, 5l to Straight Jocelyn (gave 12lb), Quarto (rec 6lb) and Manton Castle (gave 5lb) with Tsuru (rec 2lb) a faller. 6 ran. Newbury, Mar 6, 2½m, good to soft. Ramrajya (10-4), 3rd, btn 3l, 2l to Templemills (rec 8lb) and Drumlargan (gave 6lb), 11 ran. Leopardstown, Mar 3, 2½m, heavy. Doubleuagain (10-5), 2nd, btn 2½l to Kilgoura (Rec 8lb), 13 ran. Navan, Mar 6, 3m, soft. Spartan Major (11-7) fav, jumped poorly, distant 6th to Quarto (rec 8lb) 9 ran. Kempton, Feb 27, 2½m, soft: Previously (10-0), ran on well, won ½l, 6l from Dramatist (gave 25lb) and King Weasel (gave 18lb) with Tsuru (gave 11lb) 7th after bad mistake, 8 ran Kempton, Feb 6, 2½m, good to soft. Templemills ran here yesterday, Rodman (11-7) fav, easily won 4l, 2½l from Solar Lad (rec 6lb) and Prince of Pleasure (rec 14lb), 7 ran. Worcester, Mar 3, 2m, heavy

SELECTION: Henry Kissinger

Cheltenham selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.15 Angelo Salvini. 2.50 Richdee. 3.30 Drumgora. 4.5 Bally-Go. 4.40 Bonum Omen. 5.15 Rodman.

Cheltenham results

Going: Heavy.

2.15 (2.16) WATERFORD CRYSTAL SUPREME HURDLE (Novices: £15,782: 2m)

MILLER HILL, ch g, by Green Shoon — Shanara (J Harvey), 6-11-8 T Morgan (20-1) 1

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4.5 (4.8) WATERFORD CRYSTAL STAYERS HURDLE (£13,800: 3m)

CRIMSON EMBERS b g, by Cheval-Flaming View (Mrs S Smart) 7 11 12 S Shilston (2-1 fav) 1

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Sedgefield results

Going: soft

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The Newmarket-based jockey Philip Robinson, just back from a successful winter in Singapore, is to go freelancing this Flat season with fellow jockey John Higgins as his manager.

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RUGBY UNION

Eight countries in festival for schools

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

The four home countries, together with France, the Netherlands, Italy and Portugal, have been invited to take part in the Phillips Petroleum International schools rugby festival at the end of March next year. Douggie Harrison, President of the Rugby Football Schools' Union in announcing this yesterday, said that such an important development would do much to encourage contact between the countries, particularly those who have not hitherto had the opportunity to meet and play the game at this level.

The festival will comprise a 15-a-side competition played over six days, with the eight teams playing preliminary games, of 15 minutes each way, two pools of four. The winners of each pool will meet the second team in the other to determine the two teams in the final.

All eight teams will play on the last day, when matches of 30 or 35 minutes will be staged at Twickenham. There will be 20 matches overall, and each country will meet not less than four others during the festival.

Phillips petroleum are continuing their valued support of England's home internationals at 16 and 19 group levels this season. For the 16 group game against Portugal at Twickenham next Wednesday (k.o. 2.15 pm) England, it is thought for the first time, have chosen two props. Stephen Datson and Philip Drew, from one school, Redruth Comprehensive. At this age level England's second fixture will be against Wales in Cardiff on March 31.

Glyn Melville, a brother of Nigel, the England 'b' captain and scrum half, is one of 21 players named in a squad preparing for the 19-group internationals against France, in Poitiers on April 10 against Scotland at the Vale of Lune on April 14 (6 pm) and against Wales at Bristol (7 pm) on Apr1 21.

He is a wing three-quarter built on the lines of Grant Batty, the All Black, and his potential is highly regarded. The squad includes five players from Cowley High School in Lancashire, which year in and year out produces teams of a high and exciting standard

Mr Harrison said the Sports Council has undertaken to cover half of the travel costs involved in the 19 group tour of Zimbabwe next summer. He added that the RFSU still needed to raise another £7,500 to finance the trip. Phillips Pertoleum expect to be spending about £50,000 in support and promotion of English school rugby 1983.

ENGLAND 16 GROUP v Portugal: A M B Hobbs; (Cranleigh School), B Carbert (Bankfield HS), M A Birkett (Whitehaven GS), C B Bradshaw (Moseley), R A Bennett (Bristol); A M Roberts (Merchant Taylors), M Walsh (St Wilfrid's); S Datson (Redruth), D G Henwood (Epsom College), P J Drew (Redruth), S C Urquhart (Austin Friars, Carlisle), P Barnes (Bancroft), R B J Perry (KCS Wimbledon), R J Nelson (Huntley's, Tunbridge Wells), T A Godfrey (Christ's Hospital).

19-GROUP SQUAD: G P Muldoon (Cowley HS), J P A Lydon (St John Rigby), I Aspinall (Cowley HS), S Burnhill (Woodhouse Grove), G R Melville (Aireborough GS), S M Smith (Bedford), C M Kane (Millfield), D P Henderson (Bedford), N D Pickavance (Cowley HS), P L Farmer (Wellington), P T County (Duchess's Co HS Alnwick), M M Smith (Royal Newcastle GS), D G Roy (Cowley HS), D I K Blyth (Emmanuel), D A Conway (Royal Newcastle GS), M D Newton (St Boniface's College), D M Fletcher (Liverpool College), J W L Baxter (Ampleforth, Middlesex), R M Tarrant (Backwell, Bristol), A R Mullins (Dulwich College), S P J Winduss (St Peter's, Bournemouth), B P F Watson (The King's School, Canterbury), P M Tayler (Chiswick), P Charlton (Sir William Turner's 6th Form College, Redcar), J D Keating (Sevenoaks), M J Taylor (Cowley HS), A C Flanders (Plymouth College).

Task for the new boys

By David Hands

There is a distinctly international flavour to the fourth all-England schools rugby festival which Preston Grasshoppers will stage at their Lightfoot Green ground from April 2 to 4. Teams from Japan and the Netherlands return but newcomers include Magee High School, Canada, Conestoga Senior High, from Pennsylvania, and a Portuguese XV.

Magee doubtless would be happy to carry off the trophy presented by the sponsors, the Townson Constructon Group, which was won last year by their compatriots from the touring Ontario Junior provincial side.

Llandovery, last year's beaten finalists, are not in contention this season but there is a strong Scottish challenge from Edinburgh Academy and George Watson's College while there seems little doubt that Cowley will make their accustomed mark at the head of the large contingent from the north east.

DRAW: Group 1: Japan, Hutton GS, St Bendict's, Ealing, Leeds GS. Group 2: Arnold, Blackpool Collegiate, Plymouth College, Silcoates. Group 3: West Park GS, Stockport GS, Edinburgh Academy, Bradford GS. Group 4: Cowley HS, Kirkham GS, Queen Elizabeth GS, Blackburn, Sale County GS. Group 5: Portugal, Merchant Taylor's, Crosby, Reigate GS, King's Macclesfield. Group 6: Conestoga Senior High, Lancaster RGS, Tiffin, Hymers College. Group 7: Magee HS, King Edward VII, Lytham, Richard Hale GS, King's, Tynemouth. Group 8: Netherlands, Cardinal Allen, George Watson's College, Ashville College, Harrogate.

□ Roger Uttley, a former British Lion and captain of England, will join the staff of Harrow School in September. He will teach physical education as well as his specialist subjects.

□ Andy Irvine, Scotland's captain was ill with influenza yesterday and must be considered doubtful for Saturday's international match with Wales in Cardiff. Irvine, aged 30, the world record scorer of 251 points for the Scots (and 28 for the British Lions), will have to prove his fitness during training at Murrayfield tomorrow.

□ Old Gaytonians, already certain of a place in next season's John Player Cup for the first time, have decided to sacrifice home advantage in Sunday's Middlesex Cup final against Wasps. The match will be played at Old Merchant Taylor's, Croxley Green, because the Gaytonians ground does not have adequate facilities.

□ Moseley make two changes to the team which beat Liverpool in the John Player Cup quarter-final round for Saturday's match at Richmond. The prop forward Trevor Corless is inavailable and is replaced by Kevin Astley. The England international flank forward Nick Jeavons is given a match off to aid recovery from a hamstring injury, Dave Warren is stepping in.

GOLF

Women leaders defy rain, hail and gales

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Linda Bayman, five times previously a winner, stole a long lead on the opening day of the Avia Watches women's golf tournament at the Berkshire Club, Ascot, yesterday.

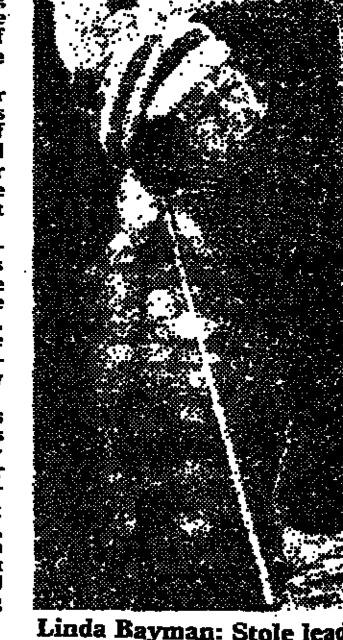
She and Maureen Madill, her victorious companion two years ago, mostly made light of appalling conditions to get round the Blue course in 72, one under par, a score that put them three strokes ahead of their nearest challengers.

Only eight of the 166 foursomes pairs in two divisions succeeded in breaking 80 as the course wilted under a savage barrage of the elements. Rain, sleet and hail followed one another in bewildering succession, often accompanied by strong winds.

But Mrs Bayman and Miss Madill showed that the conditions could be mastered, especially with an outward half in 32, four under par, without a five to mar their card. They made the best possible start when Miss Madill, British stroke-play champion in 1979 and 1980, put her tee shot pin high at the 207 yard first and her partner rolled home a long putt.

Plodding through the swamps, they gathered three more birdies before turning for home and finally contemplating reality. Far from other indiscretions, they took three putts three times, understandable in the circumstances; but Miss Madill's trusty three wood opened the way for birdies on the 11th and 16th.

The members of the Curtis Cup training team gathered prominently among the leaders, as the cream came to the top; but it is two of the younger players who have fallen on hard times recently who lie second on 75. They are Beverley New, English champion in 1980, and Lynda Moore, a Curtis Cup player that same year.



Linda Bayman: Stole lead

SCORES: 72: Mrs L Bayman (Berks) and Miss M Madill (Portstewart). 75: Miss B New (Lansdown) and Miss L Moore (Truro). 76: Mrs V Thomas (Pennard) and Miss M Rawlings (Bargoed). 77: Mrs A Uzielli (Berks) and Miss W Aitken (Old Ranfurly); Miss C Hourihane (Woodbrook) and Miss A Gemill (Barassie). 78: Mrs T Thomas (Wenvoe Castle) and Miss M McKenna (Donabate); Miss G Stewart (Inverness) and Miss P Wright (Aboyne). 79: Mrs I C Robertson (Dunaverty) and Mrs W Wooldridge (Wentworth). 80: Mrs C Williamson (Hartlepool) and Miss P Hum (Tyneside). 81: Miss C Waite (Swindon) and Miss C Pierce (Cowdray Park); Mrs F Mourgue d'Algue and Mrs B D E Boussac (FA). 82: Mrs C Lacoste de Prado (FA) and Miss V Perlierra (Spain); Mrs A Bonallack (Thorpe Hall) and Miss G Bonallack (Woburn).

Difficult for Faldo

From John Ballantine, Jacksonville, Florida, March 16

"A formidable course with some of the most difficult undulations on the greens I have ever seen. If the wind blows hard here the par will be 74 or 75." This was Nick Faldo's reply in answer to the question: "What is the Tournament Players Club course like from the professional's point of view?

Their championship starts here on the new 6,857 yard Pete Dye layout on Thursday, having moved from the equally awesome Sawgrass just accross the road where Ray Floyd won last year.

Deane Beman, a former international player and now the commissioner of the United States tour, is the guiding spirit behind the new concept of player participation in their own affairs and of a special emphasis being placed on spectator amenities and enjoyment. Whether or not all will work out as hoped will be known within the next six days but there is no doubt that an innovation is being made here that will find a place in the history of golf.

According to Faldo, the course incorporates bits of several British open links, the Augusta National and Sawgrass: nothing wrong in this for even Shakespeare borrowed ideas freely. Faldo picked out the 454-yard fifth as a typically tough par four needing a long drive placed exactly right and a one or two iron to a typically difficult green.

"The thirteenth and fourteenth greens are almost impossible to read unless the ball is hit to within ten feet," he said.

The last three holes are spectacular. The 497-yard 16th is a par five needing a challenging second shot with a wood or a one iron to a small green with water and sand behind and to right.

FOOTBALL



New ruling brings League reduction step closer

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

A reduction of the Football League, proposed by many and opposed almost only by those inside it, yesterday climbed a step closer to inevitability. In a policy statement about the game's financial crisis, the management committee decided that clubs who go bankrupt and cannot find the cash problems will not necessarily be replaced.

Non-League clubs hoping to gain election to the fourth division may be disappointed, but the ruling at least blows a fresh wind through the cobwebs that surround the League structure. As Graham Kelly, the secretary, said: "There is no reason why the membership of the League should be maintained at 92 clubs."

He added: "It could easily be that at the annual general meeting of the League on June 11 any vacancies which occur may not be filled. We hope there will be no resignations, but we obviously have to make contingency plans."

The statement also set out guidelines for the restructuring of clubs who go bankrupt. Bristol City and Hull City have already summoned the receiver, several others are little more than a telephone call away from doing so, and eight clubs are currently banned from buying players because they are said to owe money on previous deals. New companies will be allowed to take over ailing clubs as long as they satisfy six conditions.

They must agree with the management committee about the restructuring; they must also agree with the FA; funds must be used to satisfy the creditors as far as possible, the restructured club must be viable for at least one season; no new players may be taken on to replace those who are forced to leave; and agreement must be reached with the Professional Footballers' Association.

"The intention is not to lose clubs", Mr Kelly said, "but to give them every assistance. The last thing we want is to lose them but they must meet their commercial obligations. We also feel that we would be doing the game a great disservice if we admitted into the League clubs who are not certain to be able to maintain that position."

Andrew Williamson, the League's press officer, commented: "There is no suggestion that we are bringing in a closed shop. The non-League clubs will still nominate a club from the Alliance Premier League for election and that club will be included in the vote in the normal way". The bottom four in the fourth division will have to apply for reelection even if several others are forced to withdraw.

Dr Clifford Grossmark, chairman of Gillingham and of the third and fourth division clubs' committee, said: "They are letting evolution do what they are unable to do in any other way, but it needs to be done". David Baldwin, Altrincham's secretary, was not so complimentary. "It is very disappointing news," he said. "It will knock the whole non-League game."

Within hours of the committee's statement, it was announced that Hull had taken most of their 23 players off the transfer list. Gordon Taylor, the PFA's secretary, said that the Needler family, which runs the club, had agreed to provide sufficient funds to honour all the staff's contracts until the end of the season.

"The seven players — Whitehurst, Deacy, Roberts, Ferguson, Davies, Booth and Horswill — who were to have their contracts terminated are still free to sign for other clubs, but the deadline date has been removed. "It takes the pressure off everyone," Mr Taylor said. "It will make it easier for the receiver to consider offers for the club." Then he added ominously: "I'm hoping to negotiate a similar deal at Hereford this week."



Graham Kelly: Intention is not to lose clubs



Ian Stewart: Only three full league appearances

Wolves get own back on Leeds

By Peter Shard

Wolves	1
Leeds	0

Mistakes and mis-kicks on a quagmire of a pitch, and a bizarre goal in the tenth minute, saw Wolves defeat Leeds and revenge themselves for a 3-1 defeat in the FA Cup in January.

Any hopes Leeds may have haboured of repeating the comprehensive 3—1 victory they inflicted on Wolves at Molineux in the FA Cup back in January, must have disappeared before the kick-off as torrential rain rendered the pitch something of a quagmire.

Sure enough, in a rugged opening, neither side could make any discernible impression with the muddy conditions inhibiting decisive football. Mistakes and mis-kicks proved the dominant feature of the early exchanges, but Wolves were first to find their footing and took a surprise lead as early as the tenth minute with a goal as bizarre as it was unexpected.

Goalkeeper Bradshaw's hefty kick skidded through a cluster of Leeds defenders, Cherry hesitated, Eves stepped boldly in and struck the ball firmly home from the edge of the area quite unchallenged.

Wolves continued to display the more enterprise and Clarke nearly increased their lead with a shot which slipped from Lukic's grip, but the goalkeeper recovered quickly.

Ragged though the pattern of the game became, Wolves, playing with a confidence which belied their lowly position, created a further chance when Eddie Gray presented Matthews with the ball just outside the area only for the young striker's shot to be palmed behind by Lukic.

For Leeds, Worthington and Connor continued to find their every move thwarted by the close attentions of Gallagher and Coy. Indeed, their first real chance of a breakthrough came five minutes before half-time when Frank Gray found room to send in a curling ball from the left only to see the diving figure of Connor fail to connect.

The game was literally bogged down around the centre circle, with Worthington in particular looking forlornly for space to display his undoubted ability. One of the last of the game's stylists, Worthington looked distinctly out of sorts on a surface more suited to scrummaging than to his proven skills.

Leeds entered the second half with a newfound determination and might have scored almost immediately when Worthington at last found room and pushed the ball forward to Parlane, who ill-advisedly attempted to run the ball around Bradshaw and was duly halted by the goalkeeper.

Minutes later Hird's swirling cross proved too difficult for Bradshaw to hold, the ball spun loose to Frank Gray, but the full-back's hasty shot seemed aimed more towards the corner flag than the goal.

But for all the spirited running of substitute Harris and the mobility up front of Connor, Leeds found they could make little impression, as might be expected from a side who until last Saturday had failed to score in 12 hours' football.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: P Bradshaw, J Humphrey, G Palmer, R Villizan, J Gallagher, R Coy, K Hibbitt, W Carr, M Eves, M Matthews, W Clarke.
LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic, B Greenhoff, E Gray, K Hird, T Cherry, K Burns, D Parlane, G Thomas, T Connor, F Gray.
Referee: L Burden (Dorset).

Evans must stop Blokhin

Aston Villa were beaten by the weather yesterday on the eve of the most important match in their history, Stuart Jones writes. After purchasing a giant cover for £12,000 and enlisting the help of 150 supporters, gales prevented the contractors from attempting to lift the protective shield from the club's car park, where it had been welded together, onto the sodden pitch.

However, the winds dried the turf and the second leg of their European Cup tie against Dynamo Kiev, of the Soviet Union, is likely to go ahead. After the goalless draw in Simferopol a fortnight ago, two men now have a particular reason for seeing Villa gain a place in the last four.

Tony Barton, the caretaker manager, is almost certain to be promoted to a permanent position if Villa go through and Evans, who missed the first leg because of a shoulder injury, will be eager to impress Jock Stein, Scotland's manager who invited him to join the international squad next week.

It is on Evans that the future of Mr Barton and Villa may rest. His opponent will be the wandering Blokhin, a fair-haired striker and as fast as anything to be seen in this country. He was Kiev's main, indeed only, threat two weeks ago. Had he scored instead of hitting a post within the first five minutes, the tie might well be beyond Villa's reach.

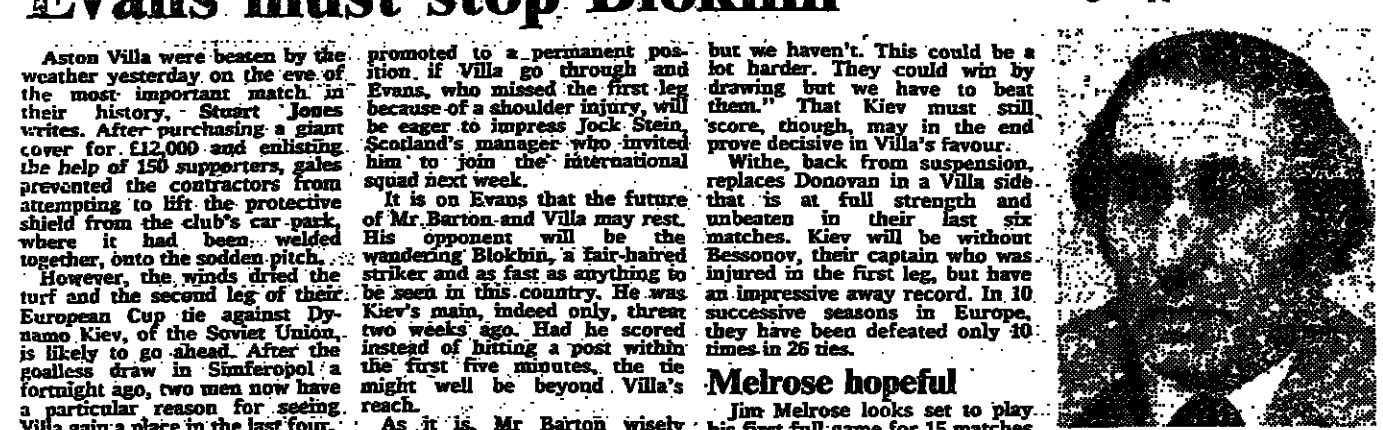
As it is, Mr Barton wisely remains cautious. "People are saying we've done the hard job but we haven't. This could be a lot harder. They could win by drawing but we have to beat them." That Kiev must still score, though, may in the end prove decisive in Villa's favour.

Withe, back from suspension, replaces Donovan in a Villa side that is at full strength and unbeaten in their last six matches. Kiev will be without Bessonov, their captain who was injured in the first leg, but have an impressive away record. In 10 successive seasons in Europe, they have been defeated only 10 times in 26 ties.

Melrose hopeful

Jim Melrose looks set to play his first full game for 15 matches when Leicester take on Rotherham at home

Tony Barton: Win would mean promotion



Liverpool road show gathers momentum

From Norman Fox, Sofia, March 16

On and on go Liverpool, still crossing the Continent's borders like successful businessmen with branch offices all over Europe. Business may not be as good as it was but there is little wrong with the product, as Saturday's *League Cup victory over Tottenham again proved.*

They come to Bulgaria with a precious one-goal lead over CSKA Sofia in their European Cup third round tie. The goal at Anfield was scored by Whelan, the Irish youngster who has slipped into a midfield vacancy as comfortably as Bob Paisley always knew he would. It was Whelan who won them the Mild trophy on Saturday and, given escape from injury, he will be travelling into Europe with Liverpool for years to come.

As Tottenham discovered, the endurance of this Liverpool team defies even great skill and one doubts that Sofia have sufficient to recover tomorrow afternoon in the Levski Stadium (4.30), though, cautious as ever, Mr Paisley warns against judging the Bulgarians by the faults of last season when they lost to Liverpool 6-1 on aggregate.

CSKA were a better-organized team a fortnight ago, but since then Liverpool have driven five goals past Stoke and outdistanced Tottenham.

Tomorrow CSKA must attack in front of their 60,000 supporters and in so doing may themselves be exposed to Dalglish, Rush and McDermott who can hardly miss as many chances as they did in the first leg.

The experience of Neal, who plays his 50th European tie, will be invaluable. He has never quite won the worship of the Kop, where, cruelly, the wits call him "Old Teabag Foot," but when you are chosen to play 630 times for a highly successful team, someone loves you.

CSKA SOFIA: G. Velinov, G. Bezinski, D. Dimitrov, M. Tomanov, G. Dimitrov, G. Iliev, I. Yonchev, R. Kerinov, S. Djeviaov, P. Markov, S. Mladenov.
LIVERPOOL: B. Grobbelar, P. Neal, A. Kennedy, M. Lawrenson, R. Whelan, P. Thompson, K. Dalglish, S. Lee, I. Rush, T. McDermott, G. Souness.

Falco replaces injured Crooks in Frankfurt

Garth Crooks, the Tottenham Hotspur striker, may miss the FA Cup semi-final round tie against Leicester City at Villa Park on April 3. He sustained a ligament injury in training on Monday and the Tottenham manager, Keith Burkinshaw, said yesterday: "It's not looking all *that good. Garth could be out for* two or three weeks".

Crooks did not even have a fitness test at Tottenham's Cheshunt training headquarters and Falco will replace him in the European Cup Winners Cup quarter-final round second leg against Eintracht in Frankfurt tonight.

The midfield player Hazard, who was taken off in Saturday's League Cup final defeat by Liverpool, is in the team.

Tottenham are 2-0 up from the first leg, but Mr Burkinshaw warned: "Eintracht are much more experienced than us in European competition. I just hope we can make up for that by good organization. Fortunately, the final defeat has not deflated the boys. They are in tremendous spirits."

Eintracht, whose defence conceded 10 goals in five days last week, have vowed all-out attack, pinning their hopes on the internationals Borchers and Pezzey. They will push the Austrian World Cup defender Pezzey farther forward than usual, a ploy which worked *devastatingly against* Bayern Munich in the semi-final round of the Uefa Cup two seasons ago. Faced with a 0-2 deficit, Pezzey scored twice to force extra time, and Eintracht went on to win the trophy. Borchers has still not fully shaken off a lingering thigh injury which forced him to miss the first leg.

Eintracht will also be able to call on their first-choice goalkeeper, Pahl, another first leg absentee, but they must do without the central defender, Koerbel, who is ineligible after his second caution of the competition at White Hart Lane.

Tottenham Hotspur: R. Clemence, S. Perryman, P. Miller, P. Price, C. Hughton, G. Hoddle, O. Ardiles, M. Hazard, M. Falco, S. Archibald, C. Galvin. Substitutes: M. Aleksic, G. Smith, G. Roberts, R. Villa, G. Brooke.

ROUND-UP

FOOTBALL

Friday is D-day for Kember and Palace

Steve Kember's future as Crystal Palace's temporary manager is unlikely to be decided until Friday. Ron Noades, the club chairman, who is reported to have put the club up for sale, said yesterday that Mr Kember's position will be discussed at the monthly full board meeting then.

It is also likely to come up at a meeting of directors today, but no decision is likely to be reached.

Mr Noades confirmed yesterday that defenders Steve Wicks and Jim Cannon have been put up for sale "because of our financial situation."

Chris Wright, the leader of the Crystal Palace Action Campaign, wants the club's 10,000 hardcore fans to back him and help buy out Mr Noades. "We are asking loyal supporters for £100 each and then we could make a bid to take over the club".

Mr Wright believes that if Mr Kember was to leave, several leading players would demand to go. The Action Campaign are calling on all supporters to demonstrate in the Old Stand on Saturday and call for Mr Noades' resignation.

Bristol City have turned down a £60,000 offer by Crystal Palace, to settle the debt on the transfer fee for Kevin Mabbutt, sold to the London club last October.

David Bird, one of the two accountants overseeing City's position for their creditors, said yesterday: "We are not interested in discounting the fee." Palace owe £99,806.

Mr Bird said: "We need every penny that Crystal Palace owe us in order to settle with Newcastle United".

The old Bristol City board owed Newcastle £120,000 for Mick Harford, and the Football League are fefusing to accept any transfers to the Bristol Club until this is paid.

Neil Cooper, the Barnsley centre half, has joined Grimsby Town for around £35,000 and Ipswich Town have agreed terms with American club Tampa Bay Rowdies to sign Tony Kinsella, who has been at Portman Road on loan, for £40,000.

Gale, Mabbutt get chances

Tony Gale and Gary Mabbutt, of the third division, win their first England under-21 caps in today's European Championship quarter final first leg against Poland in Warsaw. Defender Gale's displays have helped Fulham *to the top of their* division, while Mabbutt has impressed for Bristol Rovers.

Also in the side is Ian Hesford, the goalkeeper from fourth division Blackpool, otherwise it is made up of men with top flight experience, including three from Manchester City — Ray Ranson, Nicky Reid and Tommy Caton.

TEAM: I. Hesford (Blackpool), R. Ranson (Manchester City), G Mabbutt (Bristol Rovers), N. Reid (Manchester City), T Caton (Manchester City), T Gale (Fulham), A. Heath (Everton), P. Goddard (West Ham), J. Fashanu (Nottingham Forest), S McMahon (Everton), D Hodgson (Middlesbrough) Substitutes: P. Huckedr (QPR), G Stevens (Everton), P Healon (Oldham) C Allen (QPR)

Tim Brooke-Taylor, the "Goodies" television show star, yesterday resigned from the Derby County board because he is unable to come up with the same heavy financial commitment to the new share issue as the other directors.

Thomas goes on transfer list

Mike Thomas, Brighton's Welsh international, was transfer-listed following a meeting with chairman Mike Bamber yesterday. But Mr Bamber made it clear that the midfield player would not be transferred until a replacement was signed.

Last night's results

Arsenal 2, West Bromwich 2
Walsall 1, Reading 2
Sheffield U 7, Northampton 0
Barnsley 4, Luton 3
Darlington 3, Wigan 1
Shreswbury 1, Wrexham 1
Bangor C 1, Swansea 2
Fulham 1, Plymouth 3
Tranmere 2, Rochdale 0
Crewe 1, Hartlepool 2
Preston 1, Lincoln 1
Doncaster 1, Carlisle 1
Grimsby 0, Watford 2
Colchester 0, Mansfield 1
Gillingham 2, Southend 0
York 1, Hull 3
Scunthorpe 0, Bournemouth 2

BADMINTON

A couple of swells making their way

From Richard Eaton, Copenhagen, March 16

England have already experienced one surge of outstanding youngsters who have taken over at the top of men's badminton this season. Today in the first round of the Danish Open championships the swell of yet *another wave appeared to be* gathering quickly.

Dipak Tailor, aged 17, from north London, and Chris Dobson, aged 18, from Birmingham, exceeded highest expectations when respectively they beat Claus Andersen, who is contesting Denmark's third singles place for the Thomas Cup in May, and Eddie Kurniawan, the 1980 Indonesian junior champion now being schooled to succeed the greatest players the game has ever known.

Tailor and Dobson are national Under-18 and Under-21 doubles champions, but had hitherto not really made their mark in singles.

Tailor beat Andersen, 17-14, -15, 15-6, and only a few moments later Dobson had completed a 15-3, 15-12 win over Kurniawan. It was almost as if they felt they were still playing doubles.

Neither has yet played for England but the possibility of plunging one or other of them into the Thomas Cup in May is no longer such a fantastic idea, especially as England are beginning to run out of possible *permutations for the important* second doubles pair.

Each seems blessed with a steady temperament. "I have hardly seen either play a panic point," Derek Talbot, the England team leader said. "As good class players, frankly, they are already there. the sky is the limit with them. How far each goes just depends how badly they want to get there."

There were further successes for Goode, Gary Scott, Steve Butler and Kevin Jolly — the England No 2, who is seeded five — as England's men and women negotiated the first round without a loss.

Gill Clark and Karen Bridge also won their first matches but Miss Bridge, the Essex Open champion, was due to face the world champion, Verawaty Fajirin, of Indonesia.

FOR THE RECORD

Cricket

BRIDGETOWN: Shell Shield: Barbados, 269 and 184; Windward Islands, 213 (S Julien 52) and 241 for 6. Windward Islands won by 4 wkts.
KINGSTON: Shell Shield: Jamaica, 372 (G Powell 95, M Neita 84, J Dujon 81; A Roberts 6 for 54) and 305 for 5 dec; Leeward Islands, 240 (V Richards 73, L Kelly 64) and 174 (Richards 50; R Haynes 5 for 72). Jamaica won by 263 runs.
PORT OF SPAIN: Shell Shield. Guyana, 279 for 9 dec and 269. Trinidad and Tobago, 195 and 313 for 7 Match drawn

Curling

FREDERICTON (Canada): Men's junior world championship, third round: Karlstad (Sweden) 8, Robin Gray, Glasgow (Scotland) 5.

TENNIS

ROTTERDAM: C Mottram (GB) beat E Wilbrords, 7-6, 6-0; T Wilkinson (US) beat S Glickstein (Israel), 7-6, 7-6; S Birner (Czechoslovakia) beat S Simonsson (Sweden), 7-5, 7-6; V van Patten (US) beat P Alter (WG), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; M Purcell (US) beat J Chapman (US), 7-6, 6-4; B Teacher (US) beat B Browett (Australia), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

STRASBOURG: J Fitzgerald (Australia) beat Tom Gullikson (US), 7-6, 3-6, 7-6; H Gunthardt (Switzerland) beat B Manson (US), 7-6, 6-3; B Taroczy (Hungary) beat R Cano (Argentina), 7-6, 1-6, 6-3.

BOSTON: J. Durie (GB) beat B. Potts, 7-5, 6-1; A. Leand beat P. Casale, 6-3, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-final round, second leg: Aston Villa v Dynamo Kiev; CSKA Sofia v Liverpool (4.30); Bayern Munich v Universitater Cralova (Romania) (7.0); Red Star Belgrade v Anderlecht.
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final round, second leg: Eintracht Frankfurt v Tottenham Hotspur (7.0); Dynamo Tbilisi (Soviet Union) v Legia Warsaw; Porto v Standard Liege (9.0); Barcelona v Lokomotiv Leipzig (7.45).
UEFA CUP: Quarter-final round, second leg: Kaiserslautern v Real Madrid (7.0); Gothenburg v Valencia (6.0); Xamax Neuchatel (Switzerland) v Hamburg (7.0); Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) v Dundee United (2.0).
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final round, first leg: Poland v England (Warsaw) (4.0).

FIRST DIVISION: Manchester United v Coventry City; Nottingham Forest v Ipswich Town.
SECOND DIVISION: Chelsea v Crystal Palace (7.45); Leicester City v Rotherham United (7.45).
THIRD DIVISION: Chester v Burnley; Oxford United v Exeter City.
FOURTH DIVISION: Torquay United v Halifax Town.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Dundee v Aberdeen; Morton v Rangers.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Ayr United v Kilmarnock.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers v East Fife; Clyde v Arbroath United, Cowdenbeath v Stirling Albion; Forfar Athletic v Montrose; Meadowbank Athletic v Berwick Rangers.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Alvechurch v Gloucester; Cambridge City v Enderby; Cheltenham v Bedworth; Taunton v Kidderminster. Southern: Andover v Chelmsford.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Leeds United v Nottingham Forest Reserves; West Bromwich Albion v Blackburn Rovers.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Plymouth Argyle v West Ham United.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: South Liverpool v Morecombe.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Weymouth v Northwich.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Feltham v St Albans; Second division: Barton v Harwich and Parkeston; Horsham v Rainham; Molesey v Hemel Hempstead; Tring v Hungerford.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Edgware v Kingsbury.
OTHER MATCHES: Royal Navy v RAF (Portsmouth, 2.30); Barking v Columbian Under-25 XI.

RUGBY UNION: Abertillery v Pontypridd (7.00); Bedford v Coventry; Bridgend v Penarth (7.15); Cheltenham v Gloucester (7.00); Clifton v Bristol (7.00); Cross Keys v Tredegar (7.00); Greystones v Cambridge University; Llanelli v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.00) Maesteg v South Glamorgan Institute (7.00).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Challenge Cup, third round replay: Widnes v Bradford Northern. Slalom Lager Championship: Castleford v Hull, Hull v Wigan, Wakefield v Fulham, Whitehaven v Leigh. Second division: Halifax v Huyton, Hunslet v Doncaster, Rochdale v Workington, Swinton v Huddersfield.

HOCKEY: London University v H.A. XI (Motspur Park); United Banks v Law Society (Bank of England, Roehampton); U.A.U. v Midlands President's XI (Bournville, Birmingham, 2.30). Women's inter-Service championships (Aldershot).

SKIING CONDITIONS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermattiana	140	340	Good	Crust	Good	Fine	+4
Good snow on all pistes							
Anzere	120	250	Fair	Varied	Good	Cloud	%7
Heavy snowfall last weekend							
Arosa	170	210	Good	Varied	Good	Fair	0
Grindelwald	40	180	Good	Varied	Good	Cloud	−4
Excellent piste skiing							
Isola 2000	140	175	Good	Spring	Good	Fine	05
La Plagne	195	380	Good	Varied	Good	Snow	0
Excellent piste skiing							
St Anton	125	400	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	+5
Excellent skiing							
Tignes	205	280	Good	Heavy	Fair	Snow	+3
Good snow icy patches							
Val d'Isere	160	250	Good	Varied	Good	Snow	+3
Piste skiing excellent							
Zermatt	70	180	Good	Heavy	Good	Fine	+1
Generally good skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain; L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following report has been received from other sources:

RUGBY UNION

Gloucester plan trip to Pretoria

Gloucester Rugby Club officials told the Sports Minister, Neil Macfarlane, yesterday: "We are going to South Africa."

The club's chairman, Gordon Hudson, led a three-man delegation to meet the minister and officials of the Rugby Union in London and informed them of their decision to accept an invitation to play in Pretoria in May. They will join Cardiff and Bangor in a round-robin competition with top South African clubs.

The Gloucester team secretary, Mike Nicholls, said yesterday: "We have always been wholeheartedly in favour of the tour and were *waiting for* official approval from the Rugby Union. They have indicated verbally that it will be in order but not in writing, so we decided to take the bull by the horns and go and see them."

Twenty-one Gloucester players and two officials will go on the tour, due to start at the end of April. If Gloucester reach the John Player Cup final on May 1, they will have to fly that night. Most of Gloucester's top players are expected to go.

CRICKET

Pakistan face follow-on

Faisalabad, March 16.—Pakistan are in danger of following on against Sri Lanka whose spinners put them on top in the second Test match today.

Pakistan, replying to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 454, were 210 for eight and needed 45 runs to avoid the follow-on at the close of the third day. The match resumes on Thursday after *tomorrow's* rest day.

SRI LANKA: First Innings, 454 (S Wettimuny 157, R L Dias 98, RS Madugalle 91 not out, Iqbal Qasim 6 for 141).

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Rizwan-uz-Zaman, b A de Silva	36
Mohsin Khan, c Wettimuny, b de Mel	12
Salim Malik, b de Mel	23
Javed Miandad, c Ranatunge, b D S de Silva	18
Wajim Raja, c Madugalle, b D S de Silva	22
Haroon Rashid, c de mel b D S De Silva	25
Ashraf Ali, not out	50
Aahir Naqqash, c de Mel, b A de Silva	1
Iqbal Qasim, run out	5
Rachid Khan, not out	9
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 8)	9
Total (8 wkts)	210

Tanseef Ahmed to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-54, 3-83, 4-116, 5-124, 6-154, 7-156, 8-185.
BOWLING: de Mel, 16-4-35-2; Ranasinghe, 4-0-17-0; D S de Silva, 27-2-90-3; A de Silva, 21 3-9-35-2, Kaluperuma, 6-0-24-0 —Reuter.

Taylor drops out

Graham Gooch's rebel English cricketers suffered a blow last night when Les Taylor dropped out of today's one-day international match against the South Africans at Durban.

Taylor, who did not bowl on the final day of the first international in Johannesburg, has knee trouble. Despite the inclusion of the 15th member, Arnold Sidebottom, the loss of Taylor reduces the English chances of squaring the three-match series.

BOWLS

Wales in title form again

Wales, the reigning British Isles women's indoor bowls champions, took a step towards winning the title for the third successive year when the international series, sponsored by CIS Insurance, began at Hartlepool yesterday.

They overwhelmed Ireland 132-86. Margaret Pomeroy and Shirley Proctor, who won the pairs on Monday, used their experience of the green to beat May Ross's Irish Rink 30-11. Lilian Nicholas's rink beat an Irish four skipped by a world championship gold medallist, Eileen Bell, 24-4.

RESULTS: Ireland 86, Wales 132: Irish skips first: N Gibson 18, I Radford 20; K Toner 17, E Thomas 19; M Ross 11, M Pomeroy 30; E Bell 4, L Nicholas 24; D Fraser 8, M Jones 24; E Cameron 26, E Morgan 15.

TENNIS

Leg injury puts McEnroe out

Strasbourg, France, March 16. — John McEnroe, the Wimbledon champion, has withdrawn from the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament which opened here yesterday, the organizers said today.

He sprained his left ankle in practice at the Belgian indoor championships on Friday, and sent his decision from New York late last night. He has had his leg put in a cast. — Agence France-Presse.

Droy comes back

Captain Micky Droy steps back in to the Chelsea team for tomorrow's home game against Crystal Palace — a match which manager John Neal insists can launch Chelsea's promotion push. Droy returns after four games out with knee trouble as Chelsea begin a sequence which *include five home games in a* month. Mr Neal said: "Although we are in eleventh place, the promotion battle is far from over."

Bushell's return

Billy Bushell, out of the Harlequins side for the last four months, returns for the match against Coventry at Coundon Road on Saturday. Other changes from the side who lost 24-12 against Coventry in the John Player Cup last week are Gerry Claxton at prop for the injured Andy Barker and Nigel O'Brien at lock in place of Bill Cuthbertson, who is on international duty with Scotland.

Full debut

Ian Butterworth, an 18-year-old central defender makes his full debut for Coventry — but in midfield. Butterworth, who came on as substitute for injured winger John Hendrie at Swansea on Saturday, keeps his place in an otherwise unchanged side.

Wildman through

Mark Wildman (Peterborough), last year's losing finalist, beat Jack Fitzmaurice (Birmingham) in their quarter-final round of the worlds professional billiards championship at Sutton Coldfield.

QUARTER FINAL ROUND: M Wildman (Peterborough) beat J Fitzmaurice (Birmingham), 1,500 - 721.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahan finds his best is not enough

By Rex Bellamy

Jahangir Khan, the world champion, won £2,285 by beating Hidayat Jahan 9—6, 10—8, 9—2 in 70 minutes in the final of the McEwan's Lager tournament at Stockton on Tuesday evening. This match was a great display of the game's finest yet most punishing qualities — great because of the consistent splendour of the technical, physical, and mental effort made by both men.

Jahan's flamboyance did splutter a little in the third game, but he certainly earned the £1,525 second prize. The Purley Squash Club's professional was celebrating *his 32nd birthday* with one of the most thrilling performances of a long career.

The only snag was that he was playing Jahangir, aged 18, but already the best player in the world and potentially the best there has ever been. Jahangir is a marvel of supple, springy athleticism and precociously professional expertise.

It was *ridiculous* that any man should play as well as Jahan did without winning a game. He did, in fact, have two game balls in the second game, but hit down each time.

The pleasure and the pain of squash can seldom have been exposed in a more dazzling way. Both men often challenged belief in the power of their hitting, the agile resilience of their retrieving, and their ability to think in constructive terms whatever the stress of the moment. It was surprising that they burst only one ball.

But this was no mere slugging contest. There were shrewd variations in the pace and pattern of the rallies, subtle attempts to deceive, and a constant awareness of the need to anticipate — in a split second — where the next point of pressure would be.

Qamar Zaman beat Geoff Hunt 9-6, 9-2, 10-8 in the play-off for third place, worth £1,015 to the winner and £764 to the loser. Hunt, aged 35, is the British Open champion, but in the past nine days has been beaten three times by *players ranked below* him. He has been having "a bit of trouble" with his back.

RESULTS: Quarter-final round: Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat G Awad (Egypt) 9-2, 9-4, 10-8; Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) beat D Williams (Australia) 9-6, 9-0, 9-3; H Jahan (Pakistan) beat Maqsood Ahmed (Pakistan) 9-1, 9-6, 9-5; G Hunt (Australia) beat S Bowditch (Australia) 5-9, 9-3, 9-0, 3-9, 9-5.
Semi-final round: Jahangir beat Zaman 9-4, 9-0, 9-2; Jahan beat Hunt 7-9, 9-5, 5-2, 9-3.
Final: Khan beat Jahan 9-6, 10-8, 9-2. Match for third place: Zaman beat Hunt 9-6, 9-2, 10-8.

Best fist forward: Boza-Edwards in training yesterday.

BOXING

Digging for victory in a Spanish garden

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

Cornelius Boza-Edwards is not going to get involved in any more American-type wars. Not if he can help it. When the former world junior lightweight champion challenges Carlos Hernandez, of Spain, for the European title tonight at the Albert Hall it will be British-style boxing with the left as straight as the privet hedges of his suburban Harrow and his right for looking after the garden — digging in only at the right moment.

It will be a hard night all the same because the Spaniard likes to keep busy and does not believe in wasting time on the short European 12-round title bout distance. "He has a very high work rate", George Francis, Boza-Edwards's trainer, said yesterday.

Hernandez has made eight successful defences of his title, five of them last year. But he has not moved in the same circles as Boza-Edwards, and a points victory for the British boxer could bring another European title to Britain.

Mr Francis says that Boza-Edwards has trained hard for this bout; he knows that if he loses he will not be able to square accounts with Orlando Navarette, who took his title away.

He has been sparring with Chris Sanigar the Southern Area light welterweight champion, and Nick Wilshire to gain experience on how to deal with a southpaw. Boza-Edwards has been running seven miles a day, usually accompanied by his wife, Ramika, whom he met in Las Vegas and who also plays DJ by putting on the music when he trains at the Wellington on Highgate.

Frank Bruno may have won the first round of his right to box for Terry Lawless through the High Court judgment yesterday, denying Bert McCarthy an injunction against tonight's bout with Lupe Guerra, of Mexico, but he has still to deal with that heavyweight.

Bruno should beat him even if he has been thrown on at the deep end by having to go eight three minute rounds. Everyone knows that Mexican heavyweights are as rare as Mexican heroes in American films.

The British light heavyweight championship bout at the Bloomsbury Centre on Monday was not entirely worthy of the long line of illustrious names who have held the title. But there were one or two moments to savour in Tom Collins's victory over Dennis Andries. One was the sheer joy on Collins's face when his hand was raised at end. He had won by 11 rounds to four.

Aspirations kept afloat

By Jim Railton

The heavens threw everything at the Tideway yesterday. Early morning sunshine was followed by thunder and lightning, and in the afternoon there were a few squalls for good measure.

Not all of yesterday's offerings from the Boat Race crews were visible. Sometimes when crews came into view they were only a suggestion, with spray and water invading the press launch.

The main impression of the day was Cambridge revving the engine and concentrating on a quick take-off for Boat Race day on March 27 (2.30). This may also be a necessary measure this afternoon, when they take on the world under-23 champions, London University.

Oxford University's main opponents before the big day are likely to be members of the national squad in Kingston livery on Thursday. While Cambridge's main observed offering of the day was a two-minute row, Oxford concluded with a sequence of three and five-minute set pieces. Although untidy at times in rough water, Oxford, in the main, kept length and pace.

In the morning in one short piece, Cambridge were at sixes and sevens, racing with no avail to beat the onset of a storm.

Today's outings: Oxford 10.0 and 4.0; Cambridge 10.0 and 2.30 from Putney.

OXFORD: *N A Connington (Hampton and Oriel) bow, G R N Holland (Radley and Oriel), H E Clay (Eton and Magdalen), *R P Yonge (King's Canterbury and New College), *N B Bankov (Bradford GS and St Hugh's), S J L Foster (Brentwood and Pembroke), A K Kirkpatrick (Durham University and Oriel), R C Clay (Eton and New College) stroke, S Brown (Taunton and Wadham) cox.
CAMBRIDGE: P St J Brine (St Edwards and LMBC), A R Knight (Hampton and Clare), *R J Stephens (KCS Wimbledon, Emmanuel), N J Bliss (Barnard Castle and Corpus), B M Philp (Bryanston and Downing), C D Heard (Shrewsbury and LMBC), E G M Pearson (King's Canterbury and Jesus), S A Harris (Desborough and Queens') stroke, I P Bernstein (City of London and Emmanuel) cox. Today's outings: Oxford 10am and 2.30pm; all from Putney.

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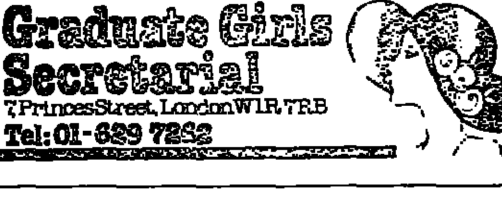
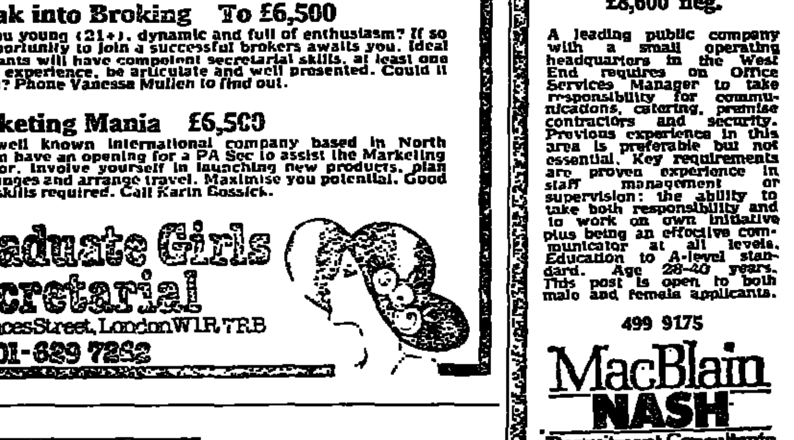
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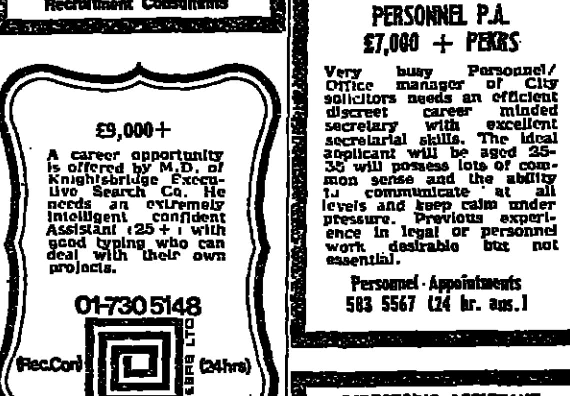
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Now the Budget is more than a week behind us it is time to take stock of what is likely to happen to the housing market over the coming year. All the signs are good and it looks as though we might experience a higher degree of activity than we have become accustomed to since the autumn slump.

Housebuyers and home owners have been helped in three ways, which will help bring to the market some much needed confidence.

Lower interest rates, increased home improvement grants and an easing of the stamp duty burden should do much to give the market a fillip in the coming months.

There is no doubt that the full-scale marketing war which appears to have broken out between building societies and the banks must be to the overall benefit of house buyers. The unprecedented vying for the mortgage market between the two institutions contributed greatly to the record cut in the mortgage interest rates announced last week by the building societies, bringing their basic rate down to 13½ per cent from 15 per cent.

Although the banks, with the exception of the National Westminster and the Trustee Savings Bank (TSB), do not appear to have been quite so generous it is always worth checking what the actual monthly repayments are before choosing your lending institution. Banks like Barclays may only be offering 13¾ per cent but, because they calculate their rates differently from building societies, you will find little difference in your repayments.

The hope and expectation in the industry is that general interest rates will continue falling, dropping to about 12 per cent by midsummer. If this is the case then it may well herald a further cut in mortgage rates but this depends on what happens across the other side of the Atlantic and prime lending rates in the US.

Certainly, post budget euphoria has swept through the industry and some leaders were talking confidently about mortgage interest rates of about 12 per cent by autumn. If this is the case then we can expect a general hardening up of house prices, which many agents claim is already beginning to happen, and the start of a real upward movement.

But, according to Mr Bob Erith of stockbrokers Savory Milln, the overall rise this year is likely to be about the 5 per cent mark. What Mr Erith is forecasting is an expansion of private housebuilding activity especially in the latter half of the year, with much of it aimed at the first time buyer, who is regarded as the big growth market.

All these factors combined will help make 1982, in the words of Mr Paul Jackson of agents Jackson & Jackson, "the year of the homebuyer". But will they contribute to anything more than a marginal rise in prices? Much will depend in confidence being restored to the market through some real growth in the economy and falling unemployment.

One side issue which may emerge as the cost of home buying comes down is that all the extremely worthy marketing ploys employed by the large housebuilders — cheap mortgages, free fees, and various other incentives, may begin to disappear as demand grows.

The effect of poor output by the builders over the last two years has finally woken them up to the fact that they have to go out and sell houses rather than simply build them. Barratt Developments have been leaders in this and it would be uncharacteristic of the group to resort to old methods. In an easier market there is clearly less need for incentives, as we have witnessed over the the past 18 months or so, but in their place we may get a lot more gimmicks to induce buyers to plump for one type of a house rather than another. Perhaps we will see house builders giving more attention to internal features as part of their marketing strategy compared with homes at the cheapest possible price.

The general agreement in City circles is that we can expect modest rises in house prices over the coming year providing there is no serious setback in the economy. Mr Erith goes even further. He forecasts one final explosion of prices towards the middle of the decade as the baby boom of the early 1960s increases pressure on the market with a surge of potential house buyers looking for homes of their own.

But for the moment potential housebuyers should start inspecting property while the market is still reasonably flat. It is unlikely to remain so for much longer and, while there is plenty of mortgage money about, now is an excellent time to buy.

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AINLEY.—On 16th March at The West London Hospital, Hammersmith, to Caroline and Douglas—a son (Alexander Douglas Carlyle).

CHAPMAN.—On February 19th, to Linda (née Carmichael) and Norman—a daughter (Eleanor Emma), a sister for Sarah.

DASH.—On 12th March at Eastbourne District General Hospital to Wendy (née Ingulden) and Jim—a daughter (Isabella Susan).

DAVIES.—On 13th March 1982, at Harrogate, to June and Martin—a son (Richard Gareth William).

EAGAR.—On 3rd March to Suzie (née Wigley) and Michael—a daughter (Jessica).

GATWARD.—On 11th March to Clare (née Rendel) and John—(Tess Elizabeth), a sister for Pippa.

HALLETT.—On March 11th to Virginia (nee Paul) and Philip—a daughter (Georgina Rose), a sister to Amelia.

KRAFFT. On March 15th to Jane (nee Berg) and James—a daughter (Nicola Anne), a sister for Paul, Emma and Sarah.

LLOYD.—On January 23rd, at West Middlesex University Hospital, to Clare and Michael—a son (Oliver Francis Vaughan).

MITCHELL.—On 15th March in Sydney, to Pippa (nee Minchin) and John—a son (Adam Thomas), brother to Samantha and Bendor.

RIECK.—On 12th March to Taormina (Ping) (nee Rich) and Peter—a son, a brother for Nina.

STANDISH.—On March 16th at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, to Vicki and Mike—a daughter (Lucy Amanda).

MARRIAGE

DUNN : HAWKS.—On 12th March in London between Mr Guy Marven Dunn of Surbiton and Mrs Gail Diana Hawks (nee Bramwell) of Fulham.

DEATHS

ACFIELD.—On 14th March, at Anglo American Hospital, Cannes, Jill, widow of Stanley Acfield, and mother of Michael Taylor. Funeral Vence, Friday, 19th March.

AULD, ERNEST.—On March 14th, 1982, at Betchworth, Surrey, after a long illness, loved father of Delphine and Robin. Funeral service Armagh, N. Ireland, March 17th, 1982 (Private).

BURTON.—On March 14th, suddenly at his home, Captain Van Dozer, aged 60 years, of 2 Mill Hill Cottages, Tysoe, Warwickshire, beloved husband of Emily and much loved father of Mark, Phillipa, Henrietta and Robert. Funeral at Oxhill Church, at 2.30 p.m., Friday, March 19th. Flowers may be sent to Wisdom & Adam, Southam Street, Kineton.

CAMPANA, LUCIA.—On Sunday, March 14th, in the Royal Free Hospital after a severe illness. Deeply mourned by her son Roberto, family in Italy and friends in England. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Bedford Chapel, Friday, March 19th, 3.10 p.m. Correspondence to Roberto Campana, 1d Lady Sommerset Rd, Kentish Town, NW5.

CHETTLE.—On 12th March, at the National Heart Hospital, London, Sheila, dearly loved wife of Peter and mother of Mandy and David. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Withycombe, Monday, 22nd March. Flowers to Merton House, Withycombe, nr. Minehead, Somerset.

CHRISTIE.—On 14th March suddenly at Llanafan, Aberystwyth, Rosemary, mother of Julie and Clive, and beloved friend of Douglas Hague.

COLLINS, WILLIAM ERNEST.—Suddenly on 15th March, after a short illness, sadly missed by his loving wife Elizabeth and daughters Ann and Alison. The funeral service will be held on Friday, 19th March, at Southampton Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Floral tributes if desired to Robert Brown and Sons, 163 Woodmill Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton. 555103.

CSAKY.—On 14th March, 1982, Mary, dearly loved mother of Michael, John and Adrian, of Oakhanger, near Bordon, Hants. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Steep, Petersfield, Hants, on Friday, 19th March, at 2.30 pm. Flowers or enquiries to H. C. Patrick and Co., East St., Farnham. Telephone 0252 714884.

DUNN.—On March 15th at Greenlands, Reading, Anthony Burdick, beloved father of Patricia and Elizabeth, dear son of Dorothy May and kindly brother of Philip Burdick. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Checkendon, Oxon, on March 18th at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation.

EDWARDS, ALFRED CHARLES.—Peacefully on 15th March. Beloved husband of Eileen and father of Nigel, Alan and Anne. Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and former Deputy Chairman of Pearl Assurance. Funeral 12.15, United Reform Church, The Fountain, New Malden, Surrey, Friday, 19th March. Strictly no flowers please. However, if desired, Donations in his memory to The National Trust, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1, for the specific upkeep of plants which can be enjoyed by all.

EVANS.—On March 12th, 1982, at Eastbourne, William James Maelor Evans, C.B.E., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (London), M.B., B.S. (London), D.P.H. Darling husband of Doreen, father of Barbara, father-in-law of Edward and grandpa of David and Mark. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday, March 19th, at 9.30 a.m. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, c/o Mr K. Scott, 3 Rowsley Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

FIFE, CHARLES MORRISON, C.B., B.A.—Peacefully on 14th March, at home. Funeral, Friday, 19th March, at 11.30, Dorking Cemetery, Surrey.

GARNER H. C. S. (Stan).—On 15th March, 1982, aged 66 years, of Katya, 7 Balcombe Road, Newtown, Geelong, Victoria 3220, Australia.

GODSAL.—On 15th March, at Iscoyd Park, Major Philip Hugh, dearly loved husband of Maureen. Funeral private. Details of a memorial service to be announced later.

GOODLIFFE.—On March 14th, at her home and with great courage, Jenny, loved daughter of Philip and Katharine Harben, in her 51st year. Cremation at Golders Green, East Chapel, on March the 18th, at 3.20. Simple flowers to be sent to Messrs. A. France, 41 Monmouth Street, by 12.30 or if preferred, donations to Cancer Research.

GORDON, SAM.—On March 12th. Lifelong scientific socialist. Adored husband of Mildred and father of David. Cremation at Golders Green, 3.30 p.m., Friday March 19th. Donations to the Labour Movement or Cancer Research.

GRANT, ALLAN.—Of Hampstead Hill Gardens (formerly Well Walk), on March 15th, at home. Cremation, Friday, 3.50 pm, at Golders Green Crematorium. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.

GRANT.—On March 15th 1982, peacefully at The London Clinic, Leon Julian Grant, M.D., F.R.C.P., dearly loved husband of Pat who passed away June 4th 1979. Deeply mourned by his brother David, nephew Arthur, Mary, family and many colleagues and friends.

GWYER.—On Monday, 15th March, 1982, peacefully at Glendaph Nursing Home, Kingsland, Herefordshire, Evelyn Joyce Gwyer. Funeral service, Brampton Bryan Church, on Friday, 19th March, at 1.15 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

HAMILTON.—On 15th March, 1982 peacefully at Ettrick Road, Edinburgh, in his 103rd year, Reverend John Edmund Hamilton, M.C., B.A., beloved husband of the late Hon. Lillias Maclay. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 18th March, at 12.30 pm.

HODGE.—On 15th March, my darling husband Jack, so very dearly loved by Barbara and baby David. Funeral 23rd March at 2.00 p.m. Breakspear Crematorium. Family flowers only.

KARAT, A. B. A. (Benty), F.R.C.P.—On 14th March, 1982, peacefully at his residence, Rose Villa, 190 Sunderland Road, South Shields, South Tyneside. A much loved husband, father, friend and physician. Funeral service on Thursday, March 18th, at 1.30 pm, at St. Hilda's Church, Market Place, South Shields. Followed by cremation at South Shields. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Hoskote Rural Medical Mission, South India, c/o Miss A. Seymour, Ingham Infirmary, South Shields.

LOVE.—On 12th March, in hospital, Helen, devoted and most loyal friend of Maxy Kirkpatrick and the late Gordon Kirkpatrick. Will be greatly missed.

MAY.—On March 14th, Ronald Graeme May, loved and loving husband of Isobel and beloved father of Fiona, Belinda, Gavin and Neil. Funeral service at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday, March 19th, at 10 a.m. Flowers to E. R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Rd, Tunbridge Wells, by 5 p.m. Thursday. Donations if desired to the National Trust or R.S.P.B. Memorial service on Tuesday, April 6th at the Postgraduate Centre, Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, at 12 noon.

PHILLIPS, DR. P. MYFANWY PHILLIPS.—Peacefully last weekend in Oxford, aged 84, much loved sister, aunt and great aunt, always attentive to and interested in the needs of her family and others; for over 30 years a greatly respected general practitioner at Highbury, London, N5. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, on Friday, 19th March, at 2.30 pm. Cut flowers please to Messrs. Reeves and Pain, Abingdon Road, Oxford, or donations to The National Children's Home.

DEATHS

PUGH, TOM.—On 15th March, beloved husband of Daisy and much loved Dad to Elaine, Doll, Ray and Brian, also a dear Grandad who will be missed but never, never forgotten.

ROSE.—On 14th March, Philip Humphrey Vivian, Third Baronet of Rayners, Tylers Green, so loved husband for 54 years of 'Babs', dear father of Petica (Waloy) and Susan, united to his beloved only son, Peter, killed by aircraft in 1943, grandfather of Sarah, Jane, Juliet and Simon. Funeral service, 10 am, on Friday, 19th March, at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton. No letters please. "God shall give his angels charge over thee and they shall rejoice at your presence, darling."

STOKES.—On 14th March, peacefully in hospital, of Thorncliffe, Hetton, Skipton, Sam Bayliss, aged 78 years, dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Michael. Funeral service at Hetton Methodist Church, Friday, 19th March, 11 a.m. prior to private cremation at Waltonwrays.

THOMPSON.—On 14th March, peacefully at Church Farm, East Wittering, Chichester, Priscilla Rosemary Ashcroft, much loved wife of Raymond. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations please to Cancer Research.

THORNE THORNE.—On March 14th, in hospital, after a long illness courageously borne, Brigadier Houghton (Bunny) Thorne Thorne, D.S.O., R.A. (Retd.), husband of Doris and father of Norma. Cremation at Woking St. John's Crematorium, on March 22nd, at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Friends of Weybridge Hospital.

TRUSTRAM EVE. — On Monday, 15th March, suddenly, Brigadier R. A. T. Eve C.B.E., of Wades House, Bullington, Sutton-Scotney, Hampshire. Much beloved by his wife Peggie, his sons Patrick, Roy and Alec, and all his family. Funeral service for close friends and neighbours at St Swithin's Church, Martyr Worthy, nr. Winchester, on Friday, 19th March, at 3 p.m. Thanksgiving service at the Rifle Garrison Church, the Rifle Depot Winchester, on Friday, 26th March, at 2.30 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Rifleman's Aid Society.

WATERS.—On 15th March, 1982, at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead peacefully, after much suffering, William Brendon (Dick), darling husband of Pat and very dear brother of Graham and all his family. Funeral service at Rolvenden Church, Kent, on Friday, 19th March, at 12.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if so desired donations to Help The Aged.

FUNERAL

GURDON.—As previously announced, on March 13, in a road accident, Amanda, aged 20. Funeral 2.30 p.m., Monday, March 22nd, Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst. Please enter through Staff College gate. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to St Thomas' Hospital, Amenity Fund for Nurses.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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KETTLE.—A memorial service will be held for Major Rupert Kettle D.L., at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, at 3 pm, Sunday, 4th April, 1982.

MILNES.—A memorial service for the late H. T. Milnes, of Hecadeck Cottage, Nether Broughton, will be held at St. Giles Church, West Bridgford, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1982.

STEWART-STEVENS.—A thanksgiving service for the life of Mrs. Greville Stewart-Stevens, will be held at Moulin Church, Pitlochry, at 2 pm, on Saturday, 20th March, 1982. The funeral will already have taken place privately.

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6.40 Open University: Spectroscopy in a Flash 7.05 Energy to go Round 7.30 Beyond the Eye 7.55 Closedown 9.05 **For Schools, Colleges:** Microelectronics 9.38 Animals of the soil 10.00 **You and Me.** For the very young (not Schools) (r). 10.15 Maths: Three Dimensions 10.38 Home economics 11.00 Words and Pictures 11.17 Music and Dance 11.40 Making agricultural equipment. 12.05 French conversation 12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Margaret Hounsell 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report and news headlines with subtitles) 1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** presented by Donny MacLeod, Marian Foster and Marjorie Lofthouse. Included today is the weekly item Poundstretchers Fare, the cookery spot with the accent on economy. But the main item is an interview with actress Claire Bloom 1.45 **Chigley.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r) 2.01 **For Schools, Colleges:** Watch 2.18 Modern history: India 2.40 The Orkney smugglers 3.00 Closedown 3.53 Regional news (not London).

- 3.55 **Play School** For the under fives (shown earlier on BBC2.
- 4.20 **Cartoon:** Mighty Mouse in Svengali's Cat (r).
- 4.25 **Jackanory** Cyril Luckham with two stories about Panda.
- 4.40 **Take Hart.** Tony Hart takes a look at liquids.
- 5.00 **John Craven's Newsround.**
- 5.10 **Grandad** Clive Dunn stars as the eccentric caretaker. This week he inherits a quarter of a million pounds. How will Mr Watkins and Amelia Wilcox wheedle the money from him to buy a photocopier and costumes for a new play?
- 5.35 *Ivor the Engine* in St George (r).
- 5.40 **News** with Richard Baker 6.00 South East at Six 6.25 **Nationwide.**
- 6.50 **Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.** Three starring Tom and Jerry, one with Bugs Bunny.
- 7.20 **Film: Masquerade** (1965) starring Cliff Robertson, Jack Hawkins and Marisa Mell. A colonel is appointed bodyguard to a young Arab prince in the few weeks leading to his coronation.
- 9.00 **Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.
- 9.05 **News** with John Humphrys.
- 9.30 **Sportsnight** introduced by Harry Carpenter. The programme includes highlights from one of this evenings European cup matches which have reached the quarterfinal stage. Four British clubs still have an interest in the various competitions. Tonight also sees the challenge of Britain's Cornelius Boza Edwards to take the European Junior Lightweight Championship from the Spaniard, Carlos Hernandez. At the ringside is Desmond Lynam.
- 10.58 **News headlines.**
- 11.00 **Parkinson.** His guests are Anthony Burgess, Peter Cook, Donald Sinden and Al Jarreau.
- 12.00 **Weather.**

BBC 2

6.40 Open University: Maths: Ornothogonal Bases. 7.05 Edinburgh Observed. 7.30 Sin (a+b). 7.55 Closedown. 10.20 Gharber. A magazine programme of interest to Asian women. 10.45 Closedown. 11.00 **Play School.** For the under fives presented by Shelagh Gilbey and Johnny Ball. The story is The Pedlar and his Caps. 11.25 Closedown. 2.00 **Racing from Cheltenham.** Live coverage of four races on the second day of the National Hunt Festival. At 2.15 the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle; 2.50 Sun Alliance Chase; 3.30 The Queen Mother Champion Chase; and 4.05 the Coral Golden Hurdle Race Final. The racing is introduced by Julian Wilson and the commentators are Peter O'Sullevan and Richard Pitman.

- 4.20 **The Spirit of Carnival.** Two Mardi Gras celebrations in Rio and in Trinidad (r).
- 5.10 **Personal identity and its problems** (r).
- 5.40 **Laurel and Hardy** in Me and My Pal' (1933) ... Stan is best man at Ollie's wedding. Not only does he send a wreath to the church, he also brings a Jigsaw.
- 6.00 **The Water Margin:** Adventures of legendary Chinese knights.
- 6.45 **The Making of Mankind.** Part six: How we evolved from a hunter-gatherers to farmers (r).
- 7.35 **News** with subtitles.
- 7.40 **The Master Game.** A chess match between Britain's Raymond Keene and Miguel Quinteros of Argentina.
- 8.10 **Chronicle: Search for a Century.** The work of archaeologist Ivor Hume in Virginia.
- 9.00 **Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.
- 9.05 **M*A*S*H.** Goodbye, Cruel World. The medics of the 4077th Field hospital in Korea have problems with an American war hero.
- 9.30 **Nancy Astor.** Episode six: The First Lady. Her husband inherits his father's title and it is decided that she should seek reelection to the House of Commons in his stead.
- 10.20 **Out of Court.** The week's legal news from Nick Ross and Jane Walmsley.
- 10.50 **Newsnight.**
- 11.35 **Racing from Cheltenham.** Highlights. Ends at 12.00.

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9.30 **For Schools:** For the hearing impaired. 9.47 The first part of the cartoon Thumbelina. 10.04 The uses of electricity. 10.16 A visit to Bauge in the Loire Valley. 10.38 Women in society. 11.02 The Welsh Valleys. 11.20 Science: Impulse and Impact. 11.39 The death of George VI. 12.00 **Windfalls** with Jenny Kenna. 12.10 **Rainbow:** Learning with puppets. 12.30 **Movie Memories:** Film clip requests programme presented by Roy Hudd: His guest is Hazel Ascot. 1.00 **News.** 1.20 **Thames News.** 1.30 **Take the High Road.** Drama series set in the Highland estate of Glendarroch. 2.00 **After Noon Plus.** Education Otherwise. According to law every child of school age is required to receive full-time education either at school or "otherwise." Kay Avila visits an "otherwise" home in Suffolk where three children are being educated by their parents. 2.45 **The Six Million Dollar Man.** Steve investigates an astronauts strange behaviour (r). 3.45 **Definition.** Crossword quiz presented by Don Moss.

- 4.15 **Cartoon:** Dr Snuggles (r)
- 4.20 **Animals in Action.** Seeing in the dark
- 4.50 **Murphy's Mob.** Drama series surrounding a football club
- 5.15 **Mr Merlin.** Comic adventures of a wizard disguised as a garage manager
- 5.45 **News** 6.00 **Thames news.**
- 6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of The Maternity Alliance. This was formed in 1980 as a pressure group to press for improvements in the services offered to parents and the baby during pregnancy, at childbirth and the first year of life.
- 6.35 **Crossroads:** Carole Sands visits the Brownlows
- 7.00 **This is Your Life.** Another celebrity is surprised by Eamonn Andrews and his red book
- 7.30 **Coronation Street.** Will Wilf become Elsie's lodger?
- 8.00 **Starburst.** Hour long variety show headed by Leslie Crowther and Bernie Winters in their Flanagan and Allen impersonation ... also appearing are Bucks Fizz and Frank Carson.
- 9.00 **Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party
- 9.05 **Minder: Broken Arrow.** Arthur is taken by a young man recently arrived home from the Middle East who spent his spare time playing darts. He is so good at the game that Arthur decides that there is a tidy sum of money to be made. He decides to organize the Arthur Daley Pro-Am Darts Tournament 'If Bob Hope can do it for golf, I can do it for darts'. Starring George Cole and Terry Waterman
- 10.05 **News**
- 10.35 **Film: Damnation Alley** (1977) starring George Peppard and Dominique Sanda. A science fiction thriller about a small group of people who trek across America looking for other survivors of a nuclear holocaust
- 12.15 **Close** with Dr Anthony Storr talking about inspiration

Radio 4

- 6.0 News Briefing.
- 6.10 Farming Today.
- 6.30 Today, including.
- 8.33 Yesterday in Parliament.
- 9.00 News.
- 9.05 Midweek: Henry Kelly (s).
- 10.00 News.
- 10.02 Gardeners' Question Time visits Bedfordshire.
- 10.30 Daily Service.
- 10.45 Morning Story: 'The Man Who Knew How' by Dorothy L Sayers.
- 11.00 News; Travel.
- 11.05 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.
- 12.00 News.
- 12.02 You and Yours.
- 12.27 It Makes Me Laugh. Prunella Scales presents her taste in humour.
- 1.00 The World at One: News.
- 1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party.
- 1.40 The Archers.
- 2.00 News.
- 2.02 Woman's Hour visits India.
- 3.02 Afternoon Theatre: 'Plan' by Stephen Swailes.
- 3.50 Smith Invades the Capital. Phil Smith Explores.
- 4.00 Little Tich — Giant Of the Halls The Story of Harry Ralph, music Hall Celebrity.
- 4.45 Story Time: 'The Canon in Residence' by Victor L Whitechurch (6).
- 5.00 News Magazine.
- 6.00 The Six O'clock News including Financial Report.
- 6.30 My Word! A panel game.
- 7.00 News.
- 7.05 The Archers.
- 7.20 Checkpoint.
- 7.45 Have you Read Mrs. Trollope? America as seen by Fanny Trollope.
- 8.30 Letter From A Turf Bog.
- 8.45 File on 4. Major issues, important events at home and abroad.
- 9.30 Kaleidoscope.
- 10.00 The World Tonight: News.
- 10.30 Detective (new series) Crime and detection in London (1) 'A Dream of Riches'.
- 11.00 A Book at Bedtime: Gorky Park' by Martin Cruz Smith (3).
- 11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
- 12.0 News; Weather Report; Forecast.
- 12.15 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Waters Forecast

VHF only: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel 10.00 For Schools: 10.00 Music Makers 10.20 Something to Think About 10.30-10.45 Listen With Mother 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together 11.20 Springboard 11.40 Quest P.M. 1.55 Programme News 2.00-300 For Schools: 2.00 Movement and Drama .1 2.25 Country Dancing 2.45 Nature 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study on 4: African and Caribbean Writing 11.30-12.10 a.m. Open University: 11.30 Theories of Art schiller 11.50 How Vital are Statistics?

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather.
- 7.00 News.
- 7.05 Your Midweek Choice. Record requests: Coates, Beethoven, Bach arr. Walton. †
- 8.00 News. 8.05 Your Midweek Choice (continued) Bvalakirev, Donizetti, Bruch.
- 9.00 News.
- 9.05 This Week's Composer Rameau; records.†
- 10.00 Ulster Orchestra Concert: Harty, Strauss.†
- 11.30 Bernadette Greevy Song recital: Britten, Sean O'Riada, Berkeley.†
- 12.05 New Irish Chamber Orchestra Concert: Mendelssohn, Hydn, Mozart.†
- 1.00 News.
- 1.05 Concert Hall. Guitar, Flute and Piano recital direct from Broadcasting House, London: Leonardo Vinci, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Dutilleux, Faure, Manuel Ponce arr. Nestor.†
- 2.00 Music Weekly.†
- 2.50 Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 2 in c minor, Op 17 (Little Russian) played by the RTE Symphony Orchestra, leader Audrey Park, conducted by George Hurst. †
- 3.30 Howard Ferguson. A performance of his Piano Sonata Op. 8.†
- 4.00 Choral Evensong from St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.†
- 4.55 News.
- 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. Joan Trimble presents a selection of music by Irish composers including, at 6.00 the first broadcast of Philip Hammond's Sonata for Two Pianos and at 6.30 Stanford's Irish Rhapsody No 4 played by the Ulster Orchestra. †
- 7.00 V.N.: The Great Enchanter. Denis Donghue presents a critical assessment of writer Vladimir Nabokov.
- 8.00 Barshai conducts Beethoven. Concert direct from the Royal Festival Hall, Part 1.†
- 8.40 Six Continents. Angus McDermid presents his weekly selection of foreign radio broadcasts.
- 9.00 Concert Part 2: Beethoven.†
- 10.00 Discords of Good Humour. A Celebration of the Life and Work of Biran O'Nolan, Alias Flann O'Brien, alias Myles na Gopaleen (1911-66).
- 11.15 Gerard Victory on record.† VHF Only — Open University: 6.15 am Politics and Caricature. 6.35-6.55 TV and Politics (3). 11.40 pm Social Psychology. 12.00 Curriculum Design. 12.20 am From design to Dissolution. 12.40-1.00 Poverty and Crime.

Radio 2

5.00 am Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 pm Gloria Hunniford† including 1.45 Sports Desk. 2.00 Don Durbridge† including Racing from Cheltenham. 2.30 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party. 2.45 David Hamilton† including 4.45 Sports Desk. 5.45 News; Sport. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.45 Sports Desk. 8.00 Football: reports and commentary on games in the Champions' Cup and UEFA Cup. Boxing: European Super Featherweight Championship; commentary from the Royal Albert Hall. 10.00 You've Got To Be Joking with Cardew Robinson. 11.00 Brian Matthew with Round Midnight, including 12.00 Midnight Newsroom; Weather; Motoring Information (in Stereo from midnight). 1.00 am Truckers' Hour with Sheila Tracy.† 2.00-5.00 You and The Night and The Music with David Bellan.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Dave Lee Travis including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 pm Paul Burnett. 3.30 Andy Peebles. 5.00 Peter Powell including 5.00-5.30 The Record Race 5.30 Newsbeat. *7.00 Radio 1 Mailbag: Phone-in on 01-580 4411.* 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00 Midnight Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00 am with Radio 2. 8.00 pm Alan Dell with Dance Band Days. 8.30 The New Swingle Singerstake a look at songs of love.† 9.00 The Folk Entertainers.† 9.30 Sounds of The Sun with David Bellan.† 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648 kHz (463m) at the following times GMT — 6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 7.30 Letter From London. 7.40 Book Choice. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The King of Instruments. 8.30 Animal, Vegetable or Mineral? 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Terry Wogan's Album Time. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 A Man of Pleasure. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 pm Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 [illegible] 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09am News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark. 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 A Pattern of Faith 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 My Word! 4.00 Newsdesk. 5.45 The World Today.

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CHOICE

Claire Bloom: the guest on Pebble Mill at One (BBC-1 1.00 pm)

● **SEARCH FOR A CENTURY** (BBC 2 8.10 pm) is a look at the work of archaeologist Ivor Noel Hume who, perhaps, is best known for his excavations of the famous 18th century Virginian town of Williamsburg. During these diggings he came across evidence of a site that seemed to indicate a settlement some hundred years earlier and he set about building-up a picture of how the earliest settlers lived. What he discovered, and the programme shows, are signs of an advanced civilization fighting for its existence in a hostile and alien environment.

● **HAVE YOU READ MRS TROLLOPE?** (Radio 4 7.45 pm) is a dramatised account by Richard Mullen of Fanny Trollope's travels in America over 150 years ago. This formidable lady was forty seven when she and her five children, including novelist-to-be, Anthony, travelled to a multiracial commune in Tennessee at the start of a tour that lasted three and a half years. Ostensibly her visit to the New World was to accompany her friend, Frances White, who wanted to educate slaves in order to help them to freedom, but the real reasons were the massive debts she and her unsuccessful barrister husband had incurred. The original escapade was short-lived and she made for the boom town of Cincinnati where, in a short time, her debts rivalled those at home. On her return to England, to raise money, she wrote the Domestic Manners of the Americans, a book that showed them in a very poor light and written to warn England of the dangers of a democratic constitution. It was an immediate best-seller on both sides of the Atlantic although for different reasons. Barbara Leigh-Hunt plays the redoubtable lady with a relish that really brings her alive.

● **V.N. — THE GREAT ENCHANTER** (Radio 3 7.00 pm) is a critical appraisal of the works of Vladimir Nabokov by Denis Donoghue, Henry James Professor of Letters at New York University. Nabokov's name first sprang to prominence in 1958 with the publication in America of his novel, Lolita. Two years later, his fortune made, he left the United States and settled with his wife in the Montreux-Palace Hotel, Switzerland, where he lived until his death five years ago. Among those contributing to the programme are the novelist's son Dmitri, his cousin Sergei and Melvin Lasky.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1

Cymru/Wales 11.17-11.40 I Ysgolion: Ffenestr. 12.57-1.00 News of Wales. 2.18-2.40 I Ysgolion: Hyn O Fyd. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 6.50-7.15 Heddiw. 7.15-7.45 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? 7.45-8.10 Dr Who 'Earthshock' (final part). 8.10-9.00 The Rockford Files. 12.00 News and weather. **Scotland** 12.55-1.00 The Scottish News. 2.40-3.00 For Schools: Around Scotland. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 6.50-7.20 Fanfare. 12.00 News and weather. **Northern Ireland** 12.57-1.00 Northen Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 6.20-6.50 Scene Around Six. 6.20-6.50 Rugby: The Schools Cup Final. 6.50-7.20 Campus Rock. Carlene Carter. 12.00 News and weather. **England** 6.00-6.25 Regional News Magazines. 6.50- 7.20 East—Return of the Enemy. London and the South East—Rof Harris Cartoon Time. Midlands—Me And My Town. North—Lifelines. North East—Eureka! North West—Finding Out. South—South Report. South West—Country Scene. West—RPM. 12.00 Close.

GRAMPIAN

As Thames except: Starts 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Great Depression: Germany. 5.15-5.45 Private Benjamin. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.15 am News. 12.20 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO ★ BLACK AND WHITE: (r) REPEAT.

BORDER

As Thames except: 1.20-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Bracken: Drama tracing six months in the life of a struggling Irish farmer. 5.15-5.45 Radio. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.15 am News. 12.18 Closedown.

CENTRAL

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Last of Summer. 5.15-5.45 Radio. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.15 am Dragnet. 12.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Trapper John. 5.15-5.45 Private Benjamin. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.15 am Closedown.

HTV

As Thames except: 1.20-1.30 News. 2.45 Fantasy Island. 3.45-4.45 History Makers: Crudades. 5.10 Ask Oscar! 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Sing A Song With Me. 12.15 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 12.00-12.10 Ty Bach TWT. 4.15 Mr Merlin. 4.45 Y *Rheilffordd gudd.* 5.10-5.20 Dick Tracy. 6.00 YDydd. 6.15-6.30 Report Wales.

TSW

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Trapper John. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Day in the Life of Beryl Cook. 12.15 am Postscript. 12.21 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As Thames except: Starts 9.20 am Good Word. 9.25-9.30 News. 1.20 pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs are. 2.45-3.45 Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Private Benjamin. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.15 am Free Church Congress. 12.20 Closedown.

CHANNEL

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Trapper John. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Bailey's Bird. 9.00-9.05 Life in France. 12.15 am Election '82: Guernsey Election for Deputies followed by Epilogue.

SCOTTISH

As Thames except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.00 Full Life: Lord Montague of Beaulieu. 2.45-3.45 Great Depression: Germany. 5.10 Tales of Crime. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.20 Action Line. 6.30-7.00 Sounds Gaelic. 12.15 am Late Call. 12.20 Closedown.

ULSTER

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.45-3.45 Great Depression: Germany. 5.15 Radio. 5.30-5.45 Good Evening Ulster. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Crossroads. 12.15 am Closedown.

TVS

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Great Depression: America. 5.15 Radio. 5.30-5.45 Coast to Coast. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.15 am Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Trapper John. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.15 am Big Question.

GRANADA

As Thames except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Mr and Mrs. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 2.30 Sound of Kenneth McKellar. 2.45-3.45 Great Depression: Germany. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 6.00 This is your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-700 Granada Reports. 10.35 Film: Severed Head (Lee Remick, Richard Attenborough) Martin and Antonia are an ideal couple. Devoted but not to each other. However, George loves Martin and *Palmer loves Antonia. So all's well* until Alexander grabs George. 12.30 am Closedown.

Law Report March 17 1982 Court of Appeal

Jail policy for pornographers

Regina v Holloway

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Thompson and Mr Justice Jupp

[Judgment delivered March 16]

Lord Justice Lawton, indicating guidelines on sentencing policy in regard to the commercial exploitation of pornography, stated that sentences of imprisonment should be imposed on all connected with such commercial exploitation, including first offenders.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Christopher George Holloway against a total sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed on him on January 22, 1982 at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Morton and a jury) on a conviction of six offences of having obscene articles for publication for gain contrary to section 2(1) of the Obscene Publications Act 1959, as amended.

Mr Hugh Griffiths for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the case was of some importance because it was the first for some time in which the court was able to decide what should be the sentencing policy in regard to the commercial exploitation of pornography.

There was no doubt whatever that at the material time, in March 1979, the appellant was selling pornographic material in the way of books, films and video tapes on a commercial scale.

At the trials, on two indictments, the appellant pleaded not guilty and was convicted by the jury. It was important to stress that fact. It could not be said that *in this* class of case it was elderly judges who were setting what some might regard as old-fashioned standards.

The jury were representative of the community at large and if a modern jury took the view that books, films and video tapes were obscene it could be taken that they were reflecting the present-day view about these matters.

The problem was what the trial judge should do when there was a verdict of guilty in this class of case, where there was commercial exploitation of pornography as there was here. In *R v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, ex parte Blackburn* (*The Times*, March 7, 1980) it came to light that the Commissioner was doing his best to control pornography but he was limited by the available resources of manpower and money.

Experience had shown that fining pornographers did not discourage them in the least. Fines merely became one of the expenses of the trade and were transferred to the purchasers of the pornography so that the prices went up.

The sale of pornography went on, and in the judgment of the court the only way of stamping out that filthy trade was for sentences of imprisonment to be imposed, and to be imposed on those who were first offenders.

They must be imposed upon all connected with the commercial exploitation of pornography because if they were not, all that would happen was that front men would be put up and the real villains would hide behind the front men.

It followed that the salesmen, projectionists, owners and suppliers, if they were proved to be guilty should lose their liberty.

For first offenders the sentence needed only to be a comparatively short one, but if they continued to offend the full rigour of the law should come down upon them and in addition the court should consider taking the profit out of that filthy and illegal trade by imposing substantial fines.

Their Lordships wished to make it clear these guidelines were applicable to those involved in the commercial exploitation of pornography.

It was not suggested that sentences of imprisonment would be appropriate for the newsagent who was carrying on a legitimate trade but who had the odd pornographic magazine in his possession, probably through carelessness in not looking to see what he was selling. In those circumstances perhaps he might be discouraged from repeating his carelessness by a substantial fine.

Nor should it be indicated that prison was appropriate for the silly young man who came into possession of a video tape of a pornographic kind and who took it along to his rugby or cricket club to amuse his friends by showing it. That could also be dealt with by a fine.

However the matter might be very different if the owners or managers of clubs made a practice of showing blue films in order to attract custom. They, like the pornographers of Soho, were engaging in the commercial exploitation of pornography.

That was an evil which had got to be stopped, and the only way in which their Lordships could think of stopping it was by making it a very hazardous occupation.

When news of this judgment reached Soho it was to be hoped, and it was expected, that a considerable amount of stocktaking would come about within the next 72 hours. If there was not there was likely to be a considerable depletion in the population of that area in the next few months.

Solicitor: Adrian James & Co.

Insurers have duty to unrepresented victim

Horry v Tate & Lyle Refineries Ltd

Before Mr Justice Peter Pain

[Judgment delivered March 9]

Where an employer's insurers offered to settle a claim made by an employee acting without independent advice, there was a relationship of confidentiality between them which gave rise to a fiduciary duty of care. Mr Justice Peter Pain so held in the Queen's Bench Division when deciding a preliminary issue of whether the defendents were entitled to rely on a settlement made by their insurers as a defence to the plaintiff's claim.

Mr Henry de Lotbiniere for the plaintiff; Mr Anthony Kenny for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE PAIN said that the plaintiff, who was employed by the defendants, had an accident at work. He suffered a hernia, with a 15 per cent risk of recurrence, and brought a claim against the defendants.

The defendants pleaded a release by accord and satisfaction based on a settlement of £1,000 paid to the plaintiff by their insurers in full settlement of every present and future claim caused by the accident.

The plaintiff replied that the defendants were unable to rely on the settlement because it had been induced by a mistake of fact or law or was obtained by undue influence or inequality of bargaining power.

His Lordship had to decide whether there was a relationship between the insurers and the plaintiff which imposed on the insurers a fiduciary duty, and whether they were in breach of that duty.

The relationship was not necessarily contractual, although the insurers were standing in the defendants' shoes. The matter was dealt with in *Lloyds Bank Ltd v Bundy* ([1975] QB 326, 341, 342) and in a similar case *Saunders v Ford Motor Co Ltd* ([1970] 1 Ll L R 379, 387).

His Lordship found that the plaintiff had relied on the guidance and advice of the insurers as to the settlement of the claim and the insurers knew he had so relied. They had an interest in the figure which they settled which was at the lower end of the scale of damages. Their interest conflicted with the plaintiff's interest.

The quality of confidence between them was one which could extend beyond that inherent in the confidence which could exist between trustworthy persons who in business affairs dealt with each other at arm's length. Such a relationship existed here and there was a fiduciary duty of care imposed on the insurers.

They might have discharged that duty if they had asked the plaintiff to obtain independent advice. Since they did not do so, it was incumbent on them to offer a higher figure and to specify what deduction was made for contributory negligence.

They should have supplied the plaintiff with a copy of the medical report; reading it to him was not sufficient. They should have made sure that the plaintiff understood that no further claim could be made. They should have advised the plaintiff to think through the matter and delay making a decision until he had a proper opportunity ot consider the offer.

The insurers were in breach of their fiduciary duty and were not entitled to rely on the alleged settlement. In encouraging a layman to act without independant advice, the insurers were in a different position than if the plaintiff had been legally advised or advised by his union.

His Lordship was not laying down any general principles but was applying *Lloyds Bank Ltd v Bundy*. Accordingly, the defendants were not entitled to rely on the insurer's settlement as a defence to the plaintiff's claim.

Solicitors: L. Bingham & Co; Hextall, Erskine & Co.

Valuable security

Regina v Benstead and Another

An irrevocable letter of credit was a valuable security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968, the Court of Appeal held on March 12. The fact that payment was conditional on the presentation of docments did not affect the right which was created by the irrevocable letter of credit.

LORD JUSTICE DUNN (sitting with Mr Justice Cantley and Mr Justice Sheldon) said that the bank had no right to rescind the obligation to honour the letter of credit pending compliance with the condition, and that obligation created a corresponding right in the beneficiary to enforce payment on presentation of the specified documents. That was a chose in action and so a right in property.

201 Swapo dead claimed after raid into Angola

Windhoek, March 16.—South African-led forces killed 201 guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) and captured large quantities of arms and ammunition in a raid into Angola at the weekend, the South African Press Association reported.

Quoting the South West Africa Broadcasting Corporation (SWABC), it said mopping-up operations were still in progress. It was the first major South African incursion into Angola reported since last year.

The SWABC said two security force patrols comprising 45 men were dropped into the Cambeno area, 14 miles inside Angola on Saturday morning and attacked a Swapo base camp nearby. The raiding party began to encounter resistance from about 1,000 men half a mile from the camp.

Swapo has been waging a bush war against South African rule of Namibia for the past 16 years.

The South African forces lost three men in the day-long battle, the SWABC report said. The raid leader, Captain Jan Hougaard, said that in one cache his troops found large quantities of Soviet-type assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, Sam-7 missiles and more than 1,000 rifle grenades.

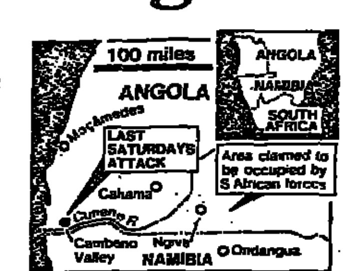
He said his men also found enough rice to feed 500 people for 48 days and large quantities of canned foods made in France, Denmark and the Soviet Union.

Earlier today the official Angolan news agency Angop, monitored in Lisbon, reported that officials in Angola had denied the existence of Namibian guerrilla training bases in the country. They said Swapo's bases were all in Namibia and that only camps for Namibian refugees were operated in Angola.

Brigadier Rudolph Badenhorst, the South African sector commander, told reporters taken into the attacked area that it was being established as a new supply base for infiltrating men into Namibia.

The steep, rocky terrain covered by thorn trees made it difficult to spot where the guerrillas had camped over an area of half a square mile. Bloated, decomposing bodies dotted the area.

A few rocket-propelled grenades lay beside one body, but all the other weapons found in the camp had already been flown back here. All the bodies were in brown uniforms and boots.



This is a corrected version of a map published on Monday indicating the area which the Angolans claim is occupied by South African forces and the location of last Saturday's cross-border attack.

Clothing, apparently hung out to dry, dangled from thorn trees. A few lean-to tents made from canvas sheets were still standing beneath the trees; others had been transformed into blood-stained, bullet-riddled bundles.

Helicopter pilots said missiles had been fired at them, but firing was erratic and off-target.

Major-General Charles Lloyd, the South African commander in Namibia, said Zimbabwean corned beef had been found for the first time in a Swapo camp. He said the supply of food to Swapo by Zimbabwe was not a total surprise.

"The Swapo build-up that led to the operation shows the clear intention of Swapo and the USSR to continue with the war while Swapo and certain black African nations are publicly advocating the signing of a ceasefire. . . . It has been proved to us that Swapo cannot be trusted."

A five-nation Western group has been negotiating with Swapo and South Africa since 1977 on ways of securing a peaceful independence settlement for Namibia.

☐ Lisbon: Angolan officials who denied the existence of guerrilla training bases in the country were responding to statements by General Magnus Malan, the South African Defence Minister.

The Angolans said there were camps only for Namibian refugees, mainly women, children and old people who were escaping South African raids.

South African forces have made a series of raids into southern Angola, including one last year which culminated in the occupation of a large tract of Angolan territory.—Reuter.

600 missiles still targeted on Europe

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their cruises should be restricted by mutually agreed limits.

Elsewhere in his speech, the Soviet leader vigorously attacked Western policies towards his country after the introduction of martial law in Poland. He accused the West of poisoning the atmosphere at the Madrid conference and slandering the Soviet Union. He denounced American sanctions, which, he said, would not hurt the Russians, and accused Washington of trying to disrupt Soviet trade with Western Europe because of economic rivalry.

He spoke of the West returning to the cold war, and even cast doubts on the future of détente.

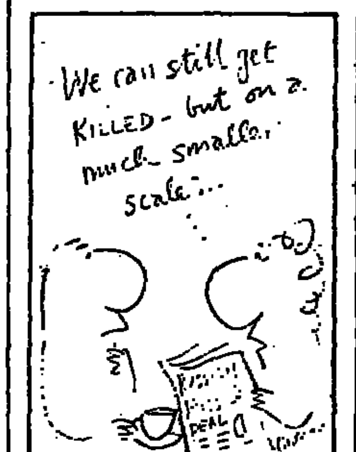
☐ President Reagan dismissed the Soviet announcement and other Nato governments also reacted sceptically (our Foreign Staff writes).

"A freeze simply is not good enough because it does not go far enough", Mr Reagan said in a speech to the Oklahoma state legislature. It was not enough just to freeze nuclear weapons, he said: "We must reduce the existing levels."

In a speech in Nashville, Tennessee, Mr Reagan said that a nuclear freeze would only "legitimize the position of great advantage held by the Soviet Union".

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, told Parliament that the Brezhnev decision "ignores the fact that the SS20s can just as well be targeted on this country and the rest of Europe from beyond the Urals".

Nato officials said that a Russian decision to halt the deployments would still leave Moscow with about 600 nuclear warheads targeted against Western Europe.





All smiles as Colin Magnier and Irish-trained 40-1 chance For Auction return after their triumph in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham yesterday. Magnier was the first amateur rider to win the big race for 19 years. Page 18

Jenkins hints at last by-election

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor, Hillhead

A reminder of what may be at stake in the Hillhead by-election came yesterday in a suggestion by Mr Roy Jenkins, the potential leader of the Social Democratic and Liberal Alliance, that if defeated he may abandon his attempt to re-enter Parliament.

Asked if he would seek another seat, he said: "I think there is a limit to the number of by-elections the human frame can stand."

He said this was "a peculiarly important by-election" for the Alliance and its results would have a reverberation on the future course of British politics.

Modesty would not allow Mr Jenkins to make plainer what he must know—that defeat for him might rob the Alliance of all momentum. It needs a leader who looks like a possible prime minister:

But to be available he must be elected and if Hillhead is to be his last effort, the Alliance and its political foes have everything to lose and win.

Employment prospects dominated yesterday's campaigning, with Labour holding press conferences all over the country, including at Hillhead, at which politicians and trade union leaders repeated the message of their "Plan for Jobs" which Mr Michael Foot launched in London on Monday.

Mr David Wiseman, the Labour candidate, said there were 350,000 jobless people in Scotland who were convinced there must be an alternative to the Government's strategy.

Mr Harry Ewing, MP for Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth, and front-bench spokesman on industry in Scotland, added that Scotland could expect something like 50,000 of the 300,000 job losses mentioned in the Budget.

The previous 24 hours brought good and bad news of jobs in Glasgow. Imperial Tobacco's decision to stop making cigarettes in Scotland threatens 600 jobs at Dennistoun but there is compensation in the Government's decision to build the £30m Scottish Industrial Exhibition Centre at Queen's Dock, Glasgow.

Leading article, page 9

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Sex and crime for the chamber's children

Crime in the streets and sex education in the schools were given the most prominence yesterday in what was therefore a somewhat down-market sitting. Cannot they think of something more suitable to put on at question time?

This is an hour at which, judging by the visitors' galleries, many young children are watching. More to the point, it is an hour at which, judging by the chamber, many young children are taking part. It cannot be healthy for them, this constant emphasis on the sordid. None the less, it was sex and violence yet again yesterday. Both were said to be on the increase.

Members did not disagree about that. What they disagreed about was the significance of the new popularity of both. Traditionally both sex and violence are contrary to Conservative Party policy. Indeed, every few years or so, a Conservative minister resigns in connexion with the former. The approach of Labour members to violence tends to be more subtle, though the present writer cannot say whether this is also true of their approach to sex.

At Prime Minister's question time, Mr Denshore Dover (Chorley, C) assured Mrs Thatcher that the key issue in the North-west of England was law and order. This was a refreshing contrast with the key issue in the North-west of London which, judging from those letters from NW3 in The Guardian, is sex.

Mr Dover asked Mrs Thatcher to "break with tradition" by allowing a vote on capital punishment to be taken for the second time in a Parliament. Mrs Thatcher, who voted in favour of the restoration of capital punishment in that last debate, had "considerable doubts" as to whether another vote would have a different result. But she emphasized: "I quite understand that law and order is foremost in the public mind and for very good reasons".

But what were those reasons? Mr Michael Foot intervened and asked her bluntly: "Does the Right Hon Lady believe there is any connexion between the record rates of crime produced under her Government and the record rates of unemployment?" (Labour cheers.)

Whereupon, we saw once more an example of why Mrs Thatcher is so different from her Labour opponents and from so many of her own front bench, such as Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary. For the orthodox politician's instinct, when asked that question, is to seek refuge in a wary babble. He may personally believe the answer to be "No". But it is the sort of reply which involves him in endless trouble. For there is a motley parade of social scientists, criminologists and opinion-smiths waiting to make his life misery if he gives that answer.

But Mrs Thatcher, to her credit, replied to Mr Foot: "No". Admittedly, she started to babble just a little. Faced with the vast popularity of social science fiction among people likely to interview her on televisio, she could not be expected to be perfect. "Not a direct relationship in any way", she found herself saying. But she recovered her nerve soon: If one looked at the crime figures during periods of increasing prosperity and decreasing unemployment, they rose, she correctly added.

Earlier, there was a sex scene involving Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C). He asked Dr Rhodes Boyson, Under-Secretary of State for Education, if there were sufficient arrangements for parents to take their children out of sex education. Mr Boyson replied that there should be "fullest consultation and cooperation". Amid noisy Labour backbench sophistication, the magnificently untrendy Mr Stokes denounced "the sexual propaganda of organizations like the Family Planning Association". Both sides of the House were now becoming rather excited by all this talk. In particular there was much feeling on the Labour benches, if the expression be not misunderstood.

For sex education—with all its colourful and jolly visual aids—is today one of the staple British industries whose workers are most associated with the Labour movement, like the coal-miners. Soon there will be an annual Durham Sex Counsellors' Gala. Mr Stokes's attitude was denounced as "Neanderthal" by Mrs Renée Short, the left-wing member for Wolverhampton, North-East, which is presumably a traditional sex manufacturing area.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend "Authors of the Year" party, New Zealand House, 6.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars visits the regiment for its St Patrick's Day Parade, Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth, 10.45; and later attends dinner in aid of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and Sussex Division of the St John's Ambulance Association, Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place, W1, 8.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother presents Shamrock to Irish Guards at Guards Depot, Pirbright, on the occasion of St Patrick's Day, 11.25.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester as Patron, visits Crosby Hall, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, 6.30.

The Duke of Gloucester opens new Magistrates' and Crown Courts, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 11.

The Duchess of Kent attends concert by the Orchestra of the Royal College of Music in aid of Hampstead Old People's Housing Trust, Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, 7.50.

New exhibitions

Manchester Academy of Fine Art annual exhibition, Gallery of Modern Art, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (from today until April 17).

Pictures of Ourselves—portraits by contemporary Scottish artists, Cranhill Secondary, 40 Startpoint Street, Glasgow; 10 to 4 (today only).

Exhibitions in progress

Old Master and contemporary etchings by Katherine Kimball, Corinium Museum, Cirencester; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (until March 28).

English prints from William Blake to David Hockney, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, Mon to Sat, 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4; (until March 28).

The royal wedding dress and gifts, St Mary's Centre, Chester; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5; (until March 28).

Hurry Along Please—one hundred years of public transport in Oxfordshire, Banbury Museum, Banbury; Mon to Sat, 10 to 4, closed Tues; (until March 27).

The Subjective Eye, Arnolfini Gallery, New Quay, Bristol; Tues to Sat, 11 to 8; (until March 27).

Last chance to see

RSA student competition and exhibition, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh; 10 to 5; (ends today).

Talks, lectures

Gorillas, illustrated talk by Mr I Redmond, Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road Doncaster, 1.45.

The Hunterian Art Gallery of the University of Glasgow, illustrated talk by Christopher Allan, Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, 1.

Music

Verdi's Il Trovatore by Brent Opera, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, 7.30.

Peter Bonner Musical Evening—organ demonstration, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, 7.

Early Music Network concert, Taverner Consort, County Primary School, Ludlow Road, Knighton, Salop, 7.45.

Concert, Orchestra da Camera, Leicester University Choral Society, De Montfort Hall, Leicester, 8.

Piano recital by Wolfgang Manz, Guildhall, Plymouth, 7.30.

Semprini Serenade, with Orchestra D'Amici, Town Hall, Halifax, 7.30.

The Corries in Concert, City Hall, Perth, 7.30.

Chamber Choir concert, Durham Cathedral, 8.

Organ recital by Jeremy Walbank, St Katharine Cree, Leadenhall Street, EC3, 1.05.

Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, St John's, Smith Square, Westminster, 7.30.

Walks

Haunted City pub walk, meet Chancery Lane Underground, 7.30.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on cuts in higher education in Scotland and on NHS charges for overseas visitors.

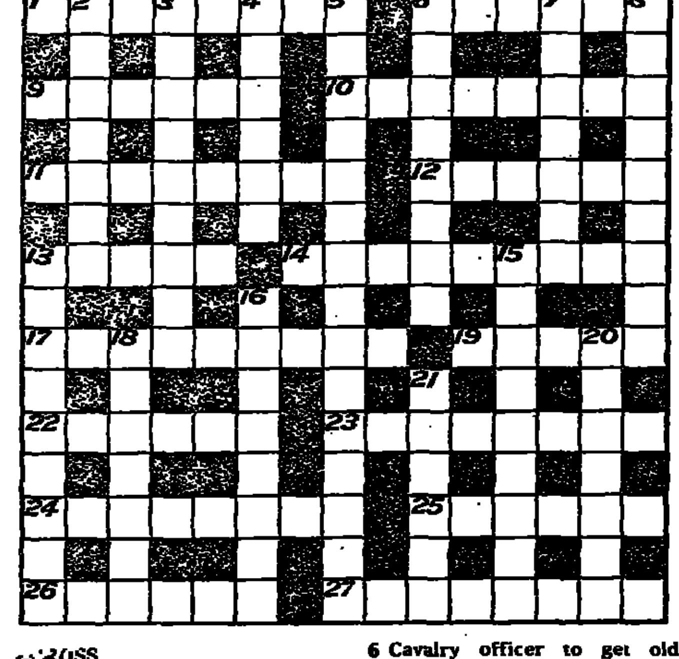
Lords (2.30): Debate on need for measures to stimulate industrial growth.

Anniversaries today

Births: Edmund Kean, London, 1787; Kate Greenaway, London, 1846; Margaret Bondfield, Britain's first woman cabinet minister, Chard, Somerset, 1873.

National Day: Republic of Ireland (St Patrick's Day).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,782



ACROSS
1 Violent reaction against corporal punishment (8).
6 Party adherents joining us on intellectual grounds (6).
9 Provide information without end (3,3).
10 Alarming constituents in this seat (8).
11 A point to each side — spirited school match (4,4).
12 Cake Alice cooked to take to Queen (6).
13 River in Welsh county — not West, East (5).
14 It flies between Washington and Philadelphia (9).
17 Court actions the result of doing a deal, say? (9).
19 Noise of dog or practical cat, not tiger (5).
22 Duties listed are mostly seen in row (6).
23 Extra for batsman here? (8).
24 New College is (but not at Oxford) (8).
25 Girl is left without honour (6).
26 Gold vessel that's possibly Victorian (6).
27 Bacon's associates include top brains (8).

DOWN
2 A great trouble for lady's maid David married (7).
3 "—— comes, but wisdom lingers" (Tennyson) (9).
4 A little boy contains very noisy disturbance (6).
5 After revolution, Kremlin's acme had this (6,3,6).
6 Cavalry officer to get old instrument (8).
7 Bird gives milk party as advertised (7).
8 All score fifty, perhaps, with new source of energy (5,4).
13 Entertain with many a song around restaurant (9).
15 In which I'll appear doubly dotty (5,4).
16 Duration of term for the rest of the players? (4-4).
18 Modify Lancashire emblem for ornamental screen (7).
20 Sunset in part of London? (4,3).
21 Work on boards with temporary responsibility (6).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,781

The Times list of best-selling books

Hardback			
Masquerade	Kit Williams	Cape	£4 50
Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book		Mitchell Beazley	£3.95
The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail	Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh & Henry Lincoln	Cape	£8.95
Helliconia Spring	Brian Aldiss	Cape	£6.95
Invitation to a Royal Wedding	Kathryn Spink	Colour Library International	£7.95
French Leave 1982/83	Richard Binns	Chiltern House	£3.95
Last Waltz in Vienna	George Clare	Macmillan	£8.95
Guinness Book of Records 1982		Guinness Superlatives	£4.93
Midnight's Children	Salman Rushdie	Cape	£6.95
Within Whicker's World	Alan Whicker	Hamish Hamilton	£8.95

The Times list is based on trade sales through Hammick's to 400 bookshops and verified retail sales through eight Hammick's bookshops and 20 others.

Auction viewings today

Bonhams, Montpelier Street: Decorative and modern prints and printed books, 9 to 12; European oil paintings, 9 to 3; English and Continental furniture, 9 to 3; Oriental ceramics and works of art, 9 to 5. Christie's, King Street: Vintage port, madeira and cognac—public tasting, 12 to 1; Old Master pictures, 9.15 to 4.30. Christie's, South Kensington: Carpets and objects of art, 9.15 to 10; domestic metalware; furniture, both 9.15 to 12; Oriental works of art; European ceramics; tools of the carpenter and other craftsmen; printed books, all 9.15 to 4.30. Phillips, Blenheim Street: photographia, 9 to 11; Art Nouveau and decorative arts; world stamps, silver and plate, all 9 to 4.30. Phillips, Alphin Brook Road, Alphington, Exeter: Silver, silver plate and jewelry, 9 to 6. Phillips, The Old House, Station Road, Knowle, Solihull: Worcester porcelain, 9 to 11. Phillips, Bold Place, Chester: Antique furniture, coins and medals, 10 to 4. Sotheby's, Bond Street: Continental paintings; coins; English silver; icons; British prints; English watercolours; English furniture; fast sale—paintings; private press books; all 9 to 4.30. Sotheby's, Belgravia: English and Irish ceramics, 9 to 4.30. Sotheby's, Rainbow, Torquay: Oriental and European ceramics and glass, 9.30 to 1 and 2.15 to 4.30.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says it is offensive and outrageous to see self-confessed IRA killers parading on TV, but the Panorama interviewer was highlighting a scandal, not creating one: "Murder, for whatever purpose, is murder and governments however green or spineless should deal with it", it adds.

The Daily Express says it is nasty and offensive for parents to use their children as the instruments of political protests which the children themselves are unlikely to understand. There will be precious little public respect, let alone support, for parents who turn sons and daughters, some not yet in their teens, into ready-made little political puppets. Nearly sixty children were made to spend Monday night in their school because their parents object to the decision of Suffolk County Council to withdraw free travel for pupils living less than three miles from East Bergholt High School, near Ipswich. Last night the protest was called off.

Sporting fixtures

Racing: NH festival at Cheltenham, 2.15.

Football: European ties and League matches (see page 19).

Rugby League: Cup replay and League matches (see page 19).

Roads

London and South-east: A406: Lane closures on North Circular Road (Woodford Ave) at intersection of A12, Gants Hill. Earls Court area likely to become congested due to Ideal Home Exhibition. A33: Closed southbound between Popham and Winchester; diversions.

Midlands: A5: Roadworks near Stretton Aquaduct between Telford and Gailey, Staffordshire. A45: Temporary signals near junction 16 of M1, also between Wellingborough and Little Irchester, Northamptonshire. M1: Lane closures from Newport Pagnell service area to junction 15 (Northampton).

North: A6072: Roadworks on Heighington by-pass, Co Durham. A177/B6291: Delays on Coxhoe southern by-pass, Co Durham. M1: Only hard shoulder open southbound between junction 26 (Nottingham) and Trowell service area.

Wales and West: A525: Lane closures at Bangor-on-Dee, Clwyd. A39/A389: Temporary signals at Wadebridge, Cornwall. A4042: Roadworks between Newport and Pontypool.

Scotland: M8: Lane closures near junction 5 (Baillieston). A76: Temporary signals N of Dumfries. A1: Temporary signals S of Haddington, Lothian and Borders region.

Information supplied by the AA.

The Pound

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.77	1.69
Austria Sch	31.60	29.60
Belgium Fr	91.25	86.75
Canada $	2.28	2.19
Denmark Kr	15.05	14.25
Finland Mkk	8.61	8.16
France Fr	11.48	10.88
Germany DM	4.48	4.23
Greece Dr	114.00	107.00
Hongkong $	10.85	10.25
Ireland Pt	1.25	1.20
Italy Lir	2375.00	2275.00
Japan Yn	462.00	436.00
Netherlands Gld	4.90	4.64
Norway Kr	11.32	10.72
Portugal Esc	129.50	122.50
South Africa Rd	2.16	1.96
Spain Pta	193.00	184.00
Sweden Kr	10.98	10.40
Switzerland Fr	3.56	3.34
USA $	1.87	1.80
Yugoslavia Dnr	98.00	92.00

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 2.66 at 798.33.

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Weather forecast

Pressure will remain low near Scotland.

6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, Midlands, E, SE and central S England: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, some heavy with hail; wind W, veering NW fresh; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

SE England, S Wales, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, some heavy and wintry on higher hills; wind W to NW, fresh or strong, perhaps locally gale; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

Lake District, NW and central N England, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, some heavy and wintry, chiefly on hills; wind W to NW, fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Borders, NE England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, some heavy and wintry, chiefly on hills; wind W to NW fresh; max temp 6 or 7C (43 to 45F).

Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, SW Scotland: Sunny intervals, occasional wintry showers, some heavy; wind NW fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 6 or 7C (43 to 45F).

N Ireland: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, wintry on hills; wind NW, fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Most places will have sunny intervals and showers, but showers will die out in the SW; temp near or rather below normal.

Sun rises: 6.11 am
Sun sets: 6.08 pm
Moon sets: 1.29 am
Moon rises: 9.57 am
Last quarter: 5.15 pm

Lighting up time

London 6.38 pm to 5.39 am
Bristol 6.48 pm to 5.49 am
Edinburgh 6.50 pm to 5.51 am
Manchester 6.46 pm to 5.47 am
Penzance 7.0 pm to 6.0 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	5	41	Guernsey	s	9	48
Birmingham	c	7	45	Inverness	c	4	39
Blackpool	r	5	41	Jersey	f	10	50
Bristol	c	7	45	London	r	5	41
Cardiff	f	8	46	Manchester	f	7	45
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	c	6	43
Glasgow	r	4	39	Ronaldsway	c	6	43

Highest and Lowest

Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, Poole, Exmouth, Jersey, 11C (52F). Lowest day max: Lerwick, 4C (39F). Highest rainfall: Prestwick, Eskdalemuir, 0.61in. Highest sunshine: Teignmouth, 8.2hr.

London

Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.17in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 997.5 millibars, falling.

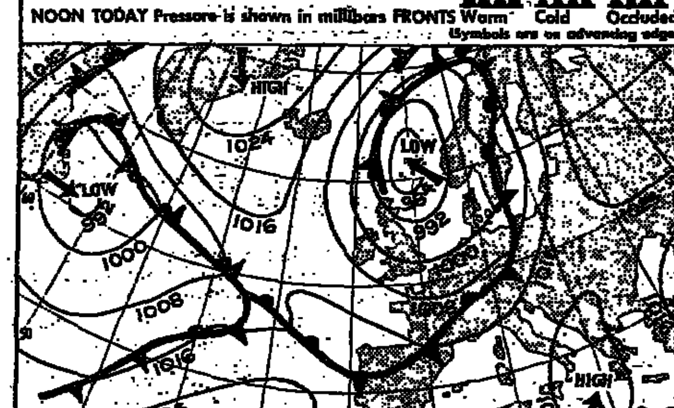
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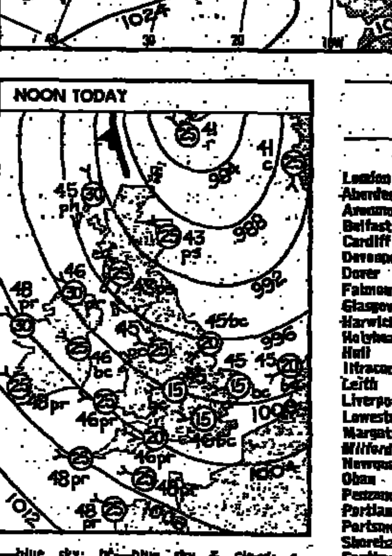
Satellite predictions

Figures give time of visibility, where rising, maximum elevation, and direction of setting. Asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

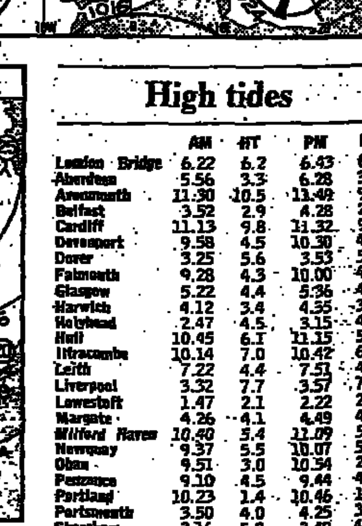
MANCHESTER: Cosmos 151R: 19.0-19.7; SW; 60SE; ENE and 20.39-20.42; W; 60NNW; NNW*. Cosmos 185R: (March 18) 1.37-1.38; ENE*; 15ENE; ENE and 3.14-3.19; NNE*; 80NNE; NE and 4.52-4.59; WNW*; 35NNW; NE. Cosmos 1286: 20.28-20.31; SW; 70SW; SW*. Intercosmos 14R: (March 18) 4.6-4.7; N*; 25N; N. Seasat: 19.18-19.26; NNE; 50NW; WSW and (March 18) 1.48-1.53; ENE*; 30NE; NNW and 3.29-3.32; WNW*; 65WNW; NW. Salyut 6: 19.28-19.32; WSW; 50SE; ESE*.

Predictions supplied by Earth Satellite Unit, Aston University.





b—blue sky; bc—blue sky & cloud; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph



High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.22	6.2	6.43	6.1
Aberdeen	5.56	3.3	6.28	3.2
Avonmouth	11.30	10.5	11.49	9.9
Belfast	3.52	2.9	4.28	2.9
Cardiff	11.13	9.8	11.32	9.2
Devonport	9.58	4.5	10.30	4.4
Dover	3.25	5.6	3.53	5.2
Falmouth	9.28	4.3	10.00	4.2
Glasgow	5.22	4.4	5.36	4.3
Harwich	4.12	3.4	4.35	3.3
Holyhead	2.47	4.5	3.15	4.3
Hull	10.45	6.1	11.15	5.8
Ilfracombe	10.14	7.0	10.42	6.8
Leith	7.22	4.4	7.51	4.3
Liverpool	3.32	7.7	3.57	7.3
Lowestoft	1.47	2.1	2.22	2.0
Margate	4.26	4.1	4.49	4.0
Milford Haven	10.40	5.4	11.09	5.3
Newquay	9.37	5.5	10.07	5.3
Oban	9.51	3.0	10.54	2.9
Penzance	9.10	4.5	9.44	4.4
Portland	10.23	1.4	10.46	1.3
Portsmouth	3.50	4.0	4.25	3.7
Shoreham	3.16	5.0	3.49	4.7
Southampton	3.25	3.8	3.54	3.6
Swansea	10.48	7.6	11.18	7.3
Tees	8.32	4.3	9.01	4.2
Walton-on-Naze	4.09	3.6	4.30	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarborough	6.7	.08	8	46	Rain pm	Falmouth	5.4	.18	9	48	Thun am
Bridlington	7.3	.21	9	48	Rain pm	Penzance	5.5	.07	10	50	Hail am
Cromer	4.7	.21	8	46	Hail am	Jersey	7.1	.33	11	52	Hail pm
Lowestoft	4.3	.15	8	46	Shwr am	Guernsey	6.1	.38	11	52	Showers
Clacton	1.5	.30	8	46	Showers	Ilfracombe	4.8	.28	9	48	Showers
Hastings	5.1	.29	9	48	Shwr am	Tenby	2.2	.19	9	48	Showers
Thanet	3.0	.28	9	48	Shwr am	Anglesey	1.4	.12	8	46	Hail pm
Folkestone	4.2	.26	9	48	Showers	Colwyn Bay	3.2	.15	9	48	Shwr pm
Eastbourne	5.7	.33	9	48	Hail am	Southport	3.4	.04	7	45	Showers
Worthing	6.4	.21	9	48	Hail am	Blackpool	4.2	.01	7	45	Showers
Littlehampton	6.5	.19	9	48	Hail am	Morecambe	4.7	.08	7	45	Showers
Bognor Regis	7.2	.17	9	48	Hail am	Douglas	4.1	.04	8	46	Hail pm
Shanklin	7.2	.20	8	46	Shwr am	Aldergrove	4.8	.17	8	46	Hail am
Bournemouth	7.5	.09	10	50	Shwr am	Eskdalemuir	0.9	.61	5	41	Sleet
Poole	7.0	.03	11	52	Shwr am	Prestwick	1.0	.61	6	43	Showers
Swanage	7.6	.04	9	48	Shwr am	Abbotsinch	1.1	.59	6	43	Sleet
Weymouth	6.6	.05	10	50	Shwr am	Tiree	6.3	.17	8	46	Hail am
Exmouth	7.1	.09	11	52	Sleet am	Stornoway	6.3	.11	7	45	Shwr pm
Teignmouth	8.2	.19	10	50	Shwr am	Lerwick	0.1	.41	4	39	Showers
Torquay	6.0	.10	10	50	Showers	Kinloss	5.4	—	7	45	Sun ints

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Cologne	c	9	48	Madrid	s	15	59	Rio de Jan*	c	32	90
Akrotiri	c	13	55	Copenhagen	r	4	39	Majorca	s	17	63	Rome	s	13	55
Alexandria	f	20	68	Corfu	s	15	59	Malaga	s	17	63	Salzburg	f	13	55
Algiers	f	20	68	Dallas*	c	25	77	Malta	f	16	61	Sao Paulo*	c	27	81
Amsterdam	f	9	48	Dublin	r	7	45	Mexico City*	s	24	75	S Francisco*	s	7	45
Athens	f	13	55	Faro	f	17	63	Milan	s	11	52	Singapore	f	33	91
Bahrain	c	20	68	Florence	s	13	55	Montreal*	s	24	75	Stockholm	f	6	43
Barbados*	c	28	82	Frankfurt	c	7	45	Milan	s	11	52	Strasbourg	r	8	46
Barcelona	c	13	55	Funchal	c	16	61	Montreal*	f	0	32	Tangier	f	18	64
Beirut	c	17	63	Geneva	c	9	48	Moscow	f	3	37	Tel Aviv	s	18	64
Belgrade	c	9	48	Gibraltar	f	17	63	Munich	s	12	54	Tenerife	f	20	68
Berlin	c	12	54	Helsinki	c	1	34	Nairobi	f	28	82	Tokyo	s	20	68
Biarritz	s	14	57	Hongkong	c	24	75	Naples	s	13	55	Toronto*	r	0	32
Bordeaux	c	12	54	Istanbul	r	6	43	New York		7	45	Tunis	s	17	63
Boston	s	12	54	Jeddah	c	29	84	Nice	s	14	57	Valencia	s	16	61
Brussels	f	9	48	Jo'burg	f	25	77	Oslo	r	4	29	Vancouver*	s	5	41
Budapest	f	9	48	Las Palmas	s	20	68	Paris	c	9	48	Venice	s	10	50
Cairo	c	23	73	Lisbon	s	15	59	Prague	s	11	52	Vienna	s	10	50
Cape Town	s	21	70	Locarno	f	9	48	Reykjavik	s	-1	30	Warsaw	s	9	48
Casablanca	f	18	64	Los Angeles*	f	14	57	Rhodes	c	11	52	Washington	c	7	45
Chicago	f	11	52	Luxembourg	c	5	41	Riyadh	s	26	79	Zurich	c	8	46

*denotes last night's figures are latest available.